

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Ford offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 16 and 17, insert:

Section 1. (1) The Prepaid Services for Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities Study Group is created for the purpose of evaluating the creation of a prepaid service plan for children with disabilities modeled after the Florida prepaid college program. Such a prepaid service plan would allow funds to be paid into a plan on behalf of a child and then, when the child exits an exceptional student program, provide the child with a voucher to purchase additional services from a qualified, willing service provider. These services would provide support to help the parent retain the benefits to the child of the exceptional student program and to help the child transition to the workforce whenever possible.

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17 (2) The study group shall consist of the following:

18 (a) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
19 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

20 (b) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of
21 the Senate.

22 (c) The director of the Agency for Persons with
23 Disabilities, or his or her designee.

24 (d) The director of the Division of Vocational
25 Rehabilitation, or his or her designee.

26 (e) The executive director of the State Board of
27 Administration, or his or her designee.

28 (f) The Commissioner of Education, or his or her designee.

29 (g) The executive director of The Arc of Florida, or his
30 or her designee.

31 (h) An Arc of Florida family board member appointed by the
32 executive director of The Arc of Florida.

33 (i) The chairperson of the Family Care Council Florida, or
34 his or her designee.

35 (j) A parent representative from the Family Care Council
36 Florida appointed by the chairperson of the Family Care Council
37 Florida.

38 (3) The Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall provide
39 administrative support for the study group.

40 (4) The study group shall evaluate and develop findings
41 and recommendations regarding the following:

42 (a) The services for which such a voucher could be used.

43 (b) The financial requirements for such a system.

44 (c) The qualifications of service providers.

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45 (d) The steps that would be necessary to qualify prepaid
46 service plan funds for a federal waiver match program or other
47 federal funding and the possibilities of such a waiver match or
48 other federal funding.

49 (5) Members of the study group shall serve without
50 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
51 travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

52 (6) The members of the study group shall be appointed by
53 July 30, 2009, and shall hold their first meeting by September
54 1, 2009. The final report of the study group shall be presented
55 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
56 Representatives no later than January 29, 2010. The group is
57 abolished and this section is repealed upon submission of the
58 group's final report.

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61 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

62 Remove line 2 and insert:

63 An act relating to persons with developmental
64 disabilities; creating the Prepaid Services for Parents of
65 Children with Developmental Disabilities Study Group to
66 evaluate the creation of a prepaid service plan for
67 children with disabilities; providing for membership;
68 providing for administrative support; providing for the
69 duties of the study group; providing for per diem and
70 travel expenses for members; requiring the study group to
71 present a final report to the Legislature;

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