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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations
(Peaden) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 19 - 85
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (qqq) and (rrr) are added to
subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

(4) The following license plate annual use fees shall be
collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:

(qqq) Autism license plate, \$25.

(rrr) Toomey Foundation for the Natural Sciences license



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12 plate, \$25.

13 Section 2. Subsections (69) and (70) are added to section
14 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

16 (69) AUTISM LICENSE PLATES.—

17 (a) The department shall develop an Autism license plate as
18 provided in this section. Autism license plates must bear the
19 colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida"
20 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Support
21 Autism Programs" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

22 (b) The proceeds from the license plate annual use fee
23 shall be distributed to Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers,
24 Inc., to fund service programs for autism and related
25 disabilities throughout the state and to operate and establish
26 programs to support individuals with autism and related
27 disabilities through direct services, evaluation, training, and
28 awareness. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall
29 establish an Autism Services Grant Council that shall provide
30 grants from available Autism license plate proceeds to nonprofit
31 organizations for direct services and programs for individuals
32 with autism and related disabilities and their families.
33 Consideration for participation in such services and programs
34 shall be given to applicants who are children or adults with
35 autism and related disabilities and their families and shall
36 include those who are on the Agency for Persons with
37 Disabilities waiting lists for services. Achievement and
38 Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall also establish an Autism
39 License Plate Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the
40 grant council as provided in this paragraph. All funds received



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41 under this subsection must be used in this state.

42 (c) Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., may
43 retain all proceeds from the annual use fee up to \$85,000 until
44 all documented startup costs for developing and establishing the
45 plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds from the
46 annual use fee shall be used as follows:

47 1. Up to 15 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee
48 may be used for the administration of the Autism License Plate
49 Fund, the Autism Services Grant Council, and related matters.

50 2. Funds may be used as necessary for annual audit or
51 compliance affidavit costs.

52 3. Thirty-five percent of the proceeds from the annual use
53 fee shall be used to establish and operate programs to support
54 individuals with autism and related disabilities and their
55 families through direct services, evaluation, training, and
56 awareness in the state.

57 4. The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the
58 University of Miami shall receive 15 percent of the proceeds
59 from the annual use fee for distribution, as determined
60 appropriate by the director of that center, to the seven
61 regional autism centers created under s. 1004.55. The regional
62 centers shall use the proceeds to support the services they
63 provide.

64 5. The remaining proceeds from the annual use fee shall be
65 available to the Autism Services Grant Council for grants to
66 nonprofit organizations to operate direct services programs for
67 individuals with autism and related disabilities and their
68 families and for marketing the Autism license plate. All grant
69 recipients, including Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers,



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70 Inc., and the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, shall
71 be required to provide to the Autism Services Grant Council an
72 annual program and financial report regarding the use of grant
73 funds. Such reports shall be made available to the public.

74 (70) TOOMEY FOUNDATION FOR THE NATURAL SCIENCES LICENSE
75 PLATES.-

76 (a) The department shall develop a Toomey Foundation for
77 the Natural Sciences license plate as provided in this section.
78 The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the
79 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
80 plate, and the words "Preserving the Past" must appear at the
81 bottom of the plate.

82 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Toomey
83 Foundation for the Natural Sciences, Inc., which shall retain 50
84 percent of the proceeds until the startup costs to develop and
85 establish the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, the
86 proceeds shall be used as follows:

87 1. A maximum of 25 percent of the proceeds may be used to
88 fund the administrative, promotion, and marketing costs of the
89 license plate program and the foundation.

90 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to
91 acquire, manage, and preserve properties that are of scientific
92 importance to paleontologists, archeologists, or geologists for
93 the purposes of research and education and to promote and
94 protect the unique natural sciences of this state.

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97 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

98 And the title is amended as follows:



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99 Delete line 4

100 and insert:

101 F.S.; creating an Autism license plate and a Toomey

102 Foundation for the Natural Sciences license plate;

103 establishing