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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations
(Peadar) 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) Florida Biodiversity Foundation license plate, \$25.



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

14 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

15 (69) AUTISM LICENSE PLATES.—

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

21 (b) The proceeds from the license plate annual use fee
22 shall be distributed to Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers,
23 Inc., to fund service programs for autism and related
24 disabilities throughout the state and to operate and establish
25 programs to support individuals with autism and related
26 disabilities through direct services, evaluation, training, and
27 awareness. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall
28 establish an Autism Services Grant Council that shall provide
29 grants from available Autism license plate proceeds to nonprofit
30 organizations for direct services and programs for individuals
31 with autism and related disabilities and their families.

32 Consideration for participation in such services and programs
33 shall be given to applicants who are children or adults with
34 autism and related disabilities and their families and shall
35 include those who are on the Agency for Persons with
36 Disabilities waiting lists for services. Achievement and
37 Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall also establish an Autism
38 License Plate Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the
39 grant council as provided in this paragraph. All funds received
40 under this subsection must be used in this state.



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

73 (70) FLORIDA BIODIVERSITY FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATES.-

74 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Biodiversity
75 Foundation license plate as provided in this section. The plate
76 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The
77 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the
78 words "Save Wild Florida" must appear at the bottom of the
79 plate.

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

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

88 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to
89 fund research, education, and scientific study of the diversity
90 of animals and plants and to aid in the preservation, study,
91 conservation, and recovery of imperiled organisms.

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95 And the title is amended as follows:

96 Delete line 4

97 and insert:

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Biodiversity Foundation license plate; establishing