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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) Children First 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) CHILDREN FIRST LICENSE PLATES.—

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

79 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to Children  
80 First Florida, Inc., which shall retain all proceeds until the  
81 startup costs to develop and establish the plates have been  
82 recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds shall be used as follows:

83 1. A maximum of 15 percent of the proceeds may be used to  
84 administer the license plate program and for direct  
85 administrative costs associated with the operations of Children  
86 First Florida, Inc.

87 2. A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds may be used to  
88 promote and market the license plates.

89 3. The remaining fees shall be used by Children First  
90 Florida, Inc., to fund public schools in this state, including  
91 teacher salaries.

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

94 And the title is amended as follows:

95 Delete lines 2 - 7

96 and insert:

97 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending  
98 ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating an Autism



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99 license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the  
100 plate; providing for the distribution of use fees  
101 received from the sale of such plates; creating the  
102 Children First license plate; establishing an annual  
103 use fee for the plate; providing for the distribution  
104 of use fees received from the sale of such plates;  
105 amending s. 320.02, F.S.; requiring the