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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Regulation (Fasano) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Legislative intent; health care transition programs and services for adolescents and young adults who have special health care needs.-

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide a strategic and comprehensive approach to the development and implementation of effective health care transition programs and services for adolescents and young adults who have special health care needs. The Health Care Transition Services Task



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13 Force for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities developed a  
14 statewide plan to promote the development of such health care  
15 transition services, in accordance with chapter 2008-211, Laws  
16 of Florida, and outlined the plan in its subsequent report.

17 (2) A program called the Florida Health And Transition  
18 Services (FloridaHATS) is established within the Division of  
19 Children's Medical Services Network to oversee transitional  
20 services in this state using existing state plans in order to  
21 implement effective transition services for adolescents and  
22 young adults who have special health care needs. As used in this  
23 section, the term "adolescents and young adults who have special  
24 health care needs" means individuals who are 12 through 26 years  
25 of age; who have chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or  
26 emotional conditions; and who require health care or related  
27 services of a type or amount beyond that which is generally  
28 required by adolescents or young adults. FloridaHATS shall be  
29 responsible for:

30 (a) Developing and overseeing a planning and implementation  
31 process and the necessary guides for use by community providers  
32 and organizations in developing coordinated systems of services  
33 for adolescents and young adults who have special health care  
34 needs.

35 (b) Developing and disseminating resource guides that  
36 outline the various public and private health care financing  
37 options, including commercial insurance, and the respective  
38 health care benefits.

39 (c) Coordinating with educational institutions, including  
40 medical centers, to identify and make available for health care  
41 providers existing training programs regarding the principles,



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42 objectives, and methods for the successful transition of  
43 adolescents and young adults who have special health care needs  
44 to adult health care providers.

45 (d) Maintaining and updating the FloridaHATS's website with  
46 web-based materials related to health care transition services  
47 which can be used by adolescents and young adults who have  
48 special health care needs and their families, providers, and  
49 others involved in health care transition.

50 (e) Collecting and disseminating information in specific  
51 clinical areas concerning evidence-based practices and best  
52 practices for providing health care transition services for  
53 adolescents and young adults who have special health care needs.

54 (f) Providing technical assistance to communities,  
55 providers, and organizations that are involved in the  
56 development and implementation of systems of services for  
57 adolescents and young adults who have special health care needs.

58 (g) Developing and disseminating quality improvement and  
59 evaluation components to other health care providers. The  
60 quality improvement and evaluation components must include a  
61 common or comparable set of performance measures for all  
62 entities that provide health care transition services for  
63 adolescents and young adults who have special health care needs.

64 (h) Establishing a network of experts in the fields of  
65 pediatric and adolescent medicine, adult medicine, and allied  
66 health to provide technical assistance and recommendations  
67 regarding best practices and policy guidance in health care  
68 transition.

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.  
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71 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

72 And the title is amended as follows:

73 Delete everything before the enacting clause

74 and insert:

75 A bill to be entitled

76 An act relating to health care transition programs and  
77 services for adolescents and young adults who have  
78 special health care needs; providing legislative  
79 intent; establishing a program within the Division of  
80 Children's Medical Services Network in the Department  
81 of Health to oversee transitional services in this  
82 state using existing state plans in order to implement  
83 health care transition programs for adolescents and  
84 young adults who have special health care needs;  
85 specifying responsibilities of the program with  
86 respect to the oversight, implementation, and  
87 coordination of the program; providing an effective  
88 date.