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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Rodrigues) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Before line 45 insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 1004.6495, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.6495 Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program and Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities.—

(5) CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities is established within the University of Central Florida. At a minimum, the center shall:



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11 (b) Coordinate, facilitate, and oversee the statewide
12 implementation of this section. At a minimum, the director
13 shall:

14 1. Consult and collaborate with the National Center and the
15 Coordinating Center, as identified in 20 U.S.C. s. 1140q,
16 regarding guidelines established by the center for the effective
17 implementation of the programs for students with disabilities
18 and for students with intellectual disabilities which align with
19 the federal requirements and with standards, quality indicators,
20 and benchmarks identified by the National Center and the
21 Coordinating Center.

22 2. Consult and collaborate with the Florida Talent
23 Development Council to identify meaningful credentials for
24 FPCTPs and to engage businesses and stakeholders to promote
25 experiential training and employment opportunities for students
26 with intellectual disabilities.

27 3. Establish requirements and timelines for the:

28 a. Submission and review of an application.

29 b. Approval or disapproval of an initial or renewal
30 application.

31 c. Implementation of an FPCTP, which must begin no later
32 than the academic year immediately following the academic year
33 during which the approval is granted.

34 4. Administer scholarship funds.

35 5. Administer FPCTP ~~start-up and enhancement~~ grants. From
36 funds appropriated in the 2016-2017 fiscal year for the FPCTP,
37 \$3 million shall be used for such grants. Thereafter, funds
38 appropriated for the FPCTP may only be used for such grants as
39 ~~if~~ specifically authorized in the General Appropriations Act.



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40 ~~The maximum annual start-up and enhancement grant award shall be~~
41 ~~\$300,000 per institution.~~

42 6. Report on the implementation and administration of this
43 section by planning, advising, and evaluating approved degree,
44 certificate, and nondegree programs and the performance of
45 students and programs pursuant to subsection (8).

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48 And the title is amended as follows:

49 Between lines 2 and 3

50 insert:

51 s. 1004.6495, F.S.; revising grant specifications;
52 requiring funds appropriated for the Florida
53 Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program to only
54 be used for certain grants as specifically authorized
55 in the General Appropriations Act; removing a cap on
56 grant awards; amending