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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative Woodson offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 73-108 and insert:

7 409.1452 Collaboration with State University System Board
8 ~~of Governors~~, Florida College System, and Department of
9 Education to assist children and young adults who have been or
10 are in foster care or are experiencing homelessness;
11 documentation regarding eligibility for tuition and fee
12 exemptions.-The department shall collaborate with the State
13 University System, the Florida College System, and the
14 Department of Education to address the need for a comprehensive
15 support structure in the academic arena to assist children and
16 young adults who have been or remain in the foster care system

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17 in making the transition from a structured care system into an
18 independent living setting.

19 (1) (a) Each school district program, Florida College
20 System institution, or state university at which a student is
21 exempt from the payment of tuition and fees under s. 1009.25
22 must have, at a minimum, a knowledgeable, accessible, and
23 responsive employee who acts as a liaison and provides
24 assistance to those students who are exempt from the payment of
25 tuition and fees to assist in resolving any problems related to
26 such exemption. The liaisons shall provide such students with
27 on-campus support and must be employees of the program,
28 institution, or university. The name and contact information of
29 the liaison must be:

30 1. Provided to each student who is exempt from the payment
31 of tuition and fees and who is attending that program,
32 institution, or university.

33 2. Published on the website of the program, institution,
34 or university.

35 3. Provided to the Department of Children and Families and
36 each community-based care lead agency.

37 (b) Each school district program, Florida College System
38 institution, and state university must maintain the original
39 documentation submitted by the student regarding his or her
40 eligibility for the tuition and fee exemption under s. 1009.25
41 and may not make additional requests for such documentation.

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42 (2) A school district program, Florida College System
43 institution, or state university may also provide campus
44 coaching services and other support to a student who is exempt
45 from the payment of tuition and fees under s. 1009.25 to promote
46 his or her successful completion of postsecondary education and
47 transition to independent living. Effective July 1, 2013, the
48 ~~Department of Children and Families shall work in collaboration~~
49 ~~with the Board of Governors, the Florida College System, and the~~
50 ~~Department of Education to help address the need for a~~
51 ~~comprehensive support structure in the academic arena to assist~~
52 ~~children and young adults who have been or continue to remain in~~
53 ~~the foster care system in making the transition from a~~
54 ~~structured care system into an independent living setting. The~~
55 ~~State University System of Florida and the Florida College~~
56 ~~System shall provide postsecondary educational campus coaching~~
57 ~~positions that will be integrated into Florida College System~~
58 ~~institutions' and university institutions' general support~~
59 ~~services structure to provide current and former foster care~~
60 ~~children and young adults with dedicated, on-campus support. The~~
61 ~~Department of Children and Families has the sole discretion to~~
62 ~~determine which state college or university will offer a campus~~
63 ~~coaching position, based on departmental demographic data~~
64 ~~indicating greatest need. These campus coaching positions shall~~
65 ~~be employees of the selected educational institutions, focused~~
66 ~~on supporting children and young adults who have been or~~

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67 ~~continue to remain in the foster care system.~~

68 (3) The Chancellors of the Division of Career and Adult
69 Education, the Florida College System, and the State University
70 System Board of Governors shall report annually to the
71 Department of Children and Families specific data, subject to
72 privacy laws, about the students ~~children and young adults~~
73 served by the campus liaisons ~~coaches~~, including academic
74 progress, retention rates for students enrolled in the program,
75 financial aid requested and received, and information required
76 by the National Youth in Transition Database.

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80 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

81 Remove lines 6-11 and insert:

82 young adults; amending s. 409.1452, F.S.; requiring the
83 Department of Children and Families to collaborate with
84 specified entities for a certain purpose; requiring liaisons and
85 coaching services to provide specified assistance for certain
86 students at certain school district programs, Florida College
87 System institutions, or state universities; providing
88 requirements for such liaisons; requiring a liaison's contact
89 information to be used in certain ways; requiring certain school
90 district programs, Florida College System institutions, and
91 state universities to maintain certain documentation; requiring

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92 | certain entities to report certain information annually to the
93 | Department of Children and Families, conforming provisions to
94 | changes made by the act; removing obsolete language; amending s.