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The 2007 Legislative Session is Over!

The 2007 Legislative session has ended with 345 bills going to the Governor for his signature.

There were 2,538 bills filed for this Legislative session and less than one eighth of them passed through the process!

The biggest news for individuals with developmental disabilities was the Developmental Disabilities Home and Community Based Waiver budget deficit and the provisions the legislature passed to implement the new budget.

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) has released talking points about these changes. [To read these Talking Points, in MS Word, click here.](#)

State Appropriations Bill Containing APD Budget Passed

[Senate Bill 2800](#), the General State Appropriations Bill that includes the budget for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, passed both chambers – the House and the Senate.

The new Agency for Persons with Disabilities appropriations language includes the following service reductions, limitations and changes:

- The agency will continue the third party prior services authorization program to review all individual support and cost plans for home and community based waiver services for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- The agency will implement cost-containment measures for any new requests for supported living services after July 1, 2007. These measures will include the total annual cost of the provision of supported living services as determined through the support plan process and will not exceed the total annual cost of

equivalent services in an appropriate licensed residential facility.

- **Supported Living Coaching** services will not exceed 20 hours per month for persons who also receive in-home support services.
- **Limited Support Coordination** services will be the only type of Support Coordination service provided to persons under the age of 18 who live in the family home.
- **Personal Care Assistance** services will be limited to no more than 180 hours per calendar month and will not include rate modifiers. Additional hours may be authorized only if a substantial change in circumstances occurs for the individual.
- **Residential Habilitation** services will be limited to 8 hours per day. Additional hours may be authorized for persons who have intensive medical or adaptive needs and if such hours are essential for avoiding institutionalization, or for persons who possess behavioral problems that are exceptional in intensity, duration, or frequency and present a substantial risk of harm to themselves or others.
- **Chore, Non-Residential Supports Services and Homemaker** services will be eliminated. The agency shall expand the definition of In-Home Support services to enable the provider of the service to include activities previously provided in these eliminated services.

- **Massage Therapy and Psychological Assessments** services will be eliminated.

- The agency will conduct supplemental cost plan reviews to verify the medical necessity of authorized services for plans that have increased by more than 8 percent during either of the two preceding fiscal years.
- The agency will implement a consolidated Residential Habilitation rate structure to increase savings to the state through a more cost effective payment method and establish uniform rates for Intensive Behavior Residential Habilitation services.
- Pending federal approval, the agency is authorized to extend current support plans for clients receiving services under Medicaid waivers for one year beginning July 1, 2007, or from the date approved whichever is later. Clients who have a substantial change in circumstances that threatens their health and safety may be reassessed during this year to determine the necessity for a change in their support plan.
- The agency will only serve additional clients on the Home and Community Based Services Waiver if they are in crisis and sufficient funding is made available through attrition.
- The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) Area Offices will review, identify, and resolve issues relating to support plans submitted by Waiver Support Coordinators that

are not in compliance with the agency's rules, policies and procedures, and with the appropriate waiver.

Bills that Passed

[SB 1124 Relating to Home Services/Persons with Disabilities by Peaden, Jr.](#)

Senate Bill 1124, the Conforming Bill, outlines a four-tiered waiver system that includes:

TIER ONE is limited to individuals who have service needs that cannot be met in tiers two, three, or four for intensive medical or adaptive needs and that are essential for avoiding institutionalization, or who possess behavioral problems that are exceptional in intensity, duration, or frequency and present a substantial risk of harm to themselves or others.

TIER TWO is limited to individuals whose service needs include a licensed residential facility and greater than 5 hours per day in residential habilitation services or clients in supported living who receive greater than 6 hours a day of in-home support services.

Total annual expenditures under Tier Two may not exceed \$55,000 per individual each year.

TIER THREE includes, but is not limited to, individuals requiring residential placements, individuals in independent or supported living

situations, and individuals who live in their family home.

Total annual expenditures under Tier Three may not exceed \$35,000 per individual each year.

TIER FOUR is the family and supported living waiver. Tier Four shall include, but is not limited to, individuals in independent or supported living situations and individuals who live in their family home.

An increase to the number of services available to individuals in this tier shall not take effect prior to July 1, 2008.

Total annual expenditures under tier four may not exceed \$14,792 per year.

Actions

04/18/07 HOUSE Conference Committee appointed;
05/03/07 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report adopted; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning messages; Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report adopted; Passed (Vote: 119 Yeas / 0 Nays)
05/04/07 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

[HB 509 - Relating to Children & Youth Cabinet Act - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by Ausley CoSponsors: Kiar, Porth, Bucher

Summary

General Children and Youth Cabinet Act; creates Children and Youth Cabinet; the bill provides organization, membership, duties and responsibilities of the cabinet. The bill provides for an advisory board and requires the cabinet to prepare an annual report. The bill puts interagency efforts to work for

children in the spotlight by organizing agency directors.
EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

02/01/07 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Council; Policy & Budget Council
02/08/07 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Healthy Families by Healthcare Council
03/13/07 HOUSE Work shopped by Healthy Families
03/20/07 HOUSE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Healthy Families; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/21/07 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Council
04/17/07 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Healthcare Council; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/20/07 HOUSE Reference to Policy & Budget Council removed; Placed on Calendar, on second reading; Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/24/07
04/25/07 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays); Senate Received, referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Operations; Health and Human Services Appropriations
04/26/07 SENATE Substituted for SB 0564; Read Second Time; Amendment(s) Adopted
04/27/07 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately
05/03/07 HOUSE Concurred with Amendment(s); Passed (Vote: 119 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Similar Bills

SB 0564 - Relating to Children & Youth Cabinet Act by Rich

Actions

01/31/07 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Operations; Health and Human Services Appropriations
03/21/07 SENATE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/12/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Operations; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/17/07 SENATE Favorable by Health and Human Services Appropriations; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays;
04/26/07 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment(s) Withdrawn; Amendment(s) Adopted; Substituted for HB 0509; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0509

SB 1046 - Relating to Pre-K through Grade 12 Education - 2007

**Sponsor(s) by Wise CS Sponsors:
Education Pre-K-12 Appropriations**

Summary

General Pre-K Through Grade 12 Education; The bill provides that certain funds transferred to Education Enhancement Trust Fund may be used for recurring appropriations. The bill clarifies that term "exceptional student" for purposes of specified provision includes gifted students in grades K through 8 and defines terms "team teaching," "co-teaching," & "inclusion teaching" for purposes of provisions authorizing use of various teaching strategies in order to implement requirements for class-size reduction, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

02/22/07 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
03/28/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/11/07 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Withdrawn; Amendment Adopted; Ordered engrossed
04/12/07 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified; Requested House to concur, or failing to concur, appoint conference committee; In House messages; Received from Messages; Referred to Calendar; Read Second Time; Amendment(s) Adopted; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 111 Yeas / 0 Nays);

Immediately certified; Requested Senate to concur, or failing to concur, appoint conference committee; In Senate returning messages

05/03/07 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report adopted; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning messages; Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report adopted; Passed (Vote: 119 Yeas / 0 Nays)

05/04/07 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

SB 2114 - Relating to Independent Living Transition Services - 2007

Sponsor(s) by Rich CoSponsors: Baker, Lynn, Margolis, Storms

Summary

General Independent Living Transition Services; This bill limits liability of the caseworker who signs application for driver's license for a minor who is in foster care. The bill revises eligibility criteria for independent living transition services and for Road-to-Independence Program. The bill would increase the age limit for eligibility for certain persons to qualify for medical assistance payments. It provides for removal of disabilities of certain minors for purposes of securing depository financial services, etc. Amends Chs. 322, 409, 743.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

03/14/07 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations

03/27/07 SENATE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 6 Yeas, 1 Nay

04/10/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/24/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Health and Human Services Appropriations; 4 Yeas; 0 Nays

04/27/07 SENATE Read Second Time

04/30/07 SENATE Read Third Time

05/03/07 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report adopted; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning messages;

Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report adopted; Passed (Vote: 119 Yeas / 0 Nays)

05/04/07 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

Similar Bills

HB 1215 - Relating to Independent Living Transition Services by Glorioso

Actions

03/20/07 HOUSE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Healthy Families; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/17/07 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Healthcare Council; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/25/07 HOUSE Favorable by Policy & Budget Council; 28 yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on second reading

05/01/07 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 2114; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 2114;

SB 1088 - Relating to Due Process - 2007

Sponsor(s) by Crist CS Sponsors: Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

Summary

General Due Process. This bill provides for offices of criminal conflict & civil regional counsel to be appointed to represent persons in certain cases in which public defender is unable to provide representation. The bill creates office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel within boundaries of each of five district courts of appeal. The bill amends provision regarding conflicts of interest in representation of indigent defendants, etc.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.

Actions

02/22/07 SENATE Referred to Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
 03/28/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays
 04/11/07 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Withdrawn
 04/12/07 SENATE Read Third time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified; Requested House to concur, or failing to concur, appoint conference committee; In House Messages; Received from Messages; Referred to Calendar; Read Second Time; Amendment(s) Adopted; Substituted for HB 7083; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified; Requested Senate to concur, or failing to concur, appoint conference committee; In Senate returning messages
 04/13/07 SENATE refused to concur, acceded to request for conference committee; Conference Committee appointed:
 05/03/07 SENATE Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report adopted; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning messages; Conference Committee Report received; Conference Committee Report adopted; Passed (Vote: 119 Yeas / 0 Nays)
 05/04/07 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

[HB 1051 - Relating to Blindness/Homestead Exemption/Certification Form - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by Mealor CoSponsors: Baxley, Davis (M), Domino, Evers, Flores, Ford, Murzin, Needelman, Nehr, Nelson, Pickens, Reagan, Robaina, Roberson, Scionti, Taylor, Vana, Waldman, Zapata, Brandenburg CS Sponsors: Government Efficiency & Accountability Council

Summary

General Blindness/Homestead Exemption/Certification Form; provides for

certification of total and permanent disability due to blindness for purposes of property tax exemptions for individuals with total and permanent disabilities. The bill specifies the certification form. Amends 196.101. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

03/06/07 HOUSE Referred to Government Efficiency & Accountability Council; Policy & Budget Council
 03/14/07 HOUSE Government Efficiency & Accountability Council; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
 03/19/07 ----- Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of the EDR's Revenue Impact Conference; 3/20/07, 10:30 am, 2103 C (No Votes Will Be Taken)
 04/19/07 HOUSE Withdrawn from Policy & Budget Council; Placed on Calendar, on second reading
 04/27/07 HOUSE Read Second Time
 04/30/07 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); In Senate messages
 05/02/07 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 05/03/07
 05/03/07 SENATE Received, referred to Health Regulation; Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Withdrawn from Health Regulation; Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Substituted for SB 1744; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

Bills that Failed

[SB 394 - Relating to Disabled Young Adult/Transition Services - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by Wise

Summary

General Disabled Young Adult/Transition Services; creates Health & Transition Services Program; assigns program for administrative purposes to Children's Medical Services in DOH.

The purpose of the program is as follows:

- Comprehensive assessment of health needs educational/vocational status and needs, and health insurance status.
- Coordination with other community organizations to develop a transition plan that includes adult health services, education, habilitative services, independent living, employment and health insurance.
- Primary care in a Medical Home setting with coordinated, comprehensive and multidisciplinary services, focused on engaging adult health care providers in the treatment of the youth.
- Provides a multidisciplinary research program that will improve and replicate the health and transition services program statewide and will establish Standards of Excellence in the field of transition.

The bill delineates a target population which is children with developmental disabilities and children with chronic health care needs. There is a description of participating service providers and services that they may provide. Finally, the bill provides for an evaluation of program. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

01/24/07 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
02/21/07 SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/14/07 SENATE temporarily postponed by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
03/27/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
05/04/07 SENATE Died in Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations

Similar Bills

HB 0051 - Relating to Health & Transition Services Program by Davis (D)

Actions

01/02/07 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Council; Policy & Budget Council
02/01/07 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Health Quality by Healthcare Council
03/20/07 HOUSE Favorable with recommended CS by Health Quality; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/27/07 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Healthcare Council; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/20/07 HOUSE Favorable by Policy & Budget Council; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on second reading
05/03/07 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays); In Senate Messages
05/04/07 SENATE Died in Messages

[SB 402 - Relating to Developmental Disabilities Inst. - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by Fasano Cosponsors: Bennett

Summary

General Developmental Disabilities Institutions. This bill requires APD to give written notice to certain specified persons if the agency proposes to close or reduce resident population by 10% of an institution for people with developmental disabilities. It requires the Governor and the Cabinet to hold public hearings and that notice of public hearing be given in specified manner; It also requires a bi-monthly report to the legislature on the progress of the closure of Gulf Coast Center and the alternatives offered to the residents that are leaving. This closure was specified in Brown vs. Bush to be completed in the year 2010. Creates 393.35. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

Actions

01/24/07 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Operations; Health and Human Services Appropriations

03/21/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/30/07 SENATE Withdrawn from Governmental Operations; Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations
05/04/07 SENATE Died in Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations

Similar Bills

HB 0127 - Relating to Developmental Disabilities Inst. by Nehr

Actions

1/29/07 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Council; Policy & Budget Council
02/08/07 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Healthy Families by Healthcare Council
3/20/07 HOUSE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Healthy Families; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/17/07 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Healthcare Council; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
05/04/07 HOUSE Died in Policy & Budget Council

[SB 1826 - Relating to Home/Community-Based Waiver Project - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by Gaetz

Summary

General Home/Community-Based Waiver Project. This bill requires the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) and the Agency for HealthCare Administration (AHCA) to establish pilot project for certain clients who are currently served through federal waivers for Medicaid home and community-based services and family and supported living services. The bill provides requirements for the pilot project and requires APD to submit a report to the Governor, Legislature, and legislative committees. The bill also requires legislative approval for further expansion. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

Actions

03/07/07 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations
03/21/07 SENATE Workshopped by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
04/10/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
05/04/07 SENATE Died in Committee on Health Policy

Identical Bills

HB 1597 - Relating to Home/Community-Based Waiver Project by Ford

Actions

03/13/07 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Council; Policy & Budget Council
Compare Bills
05/04/07 HOUSE Died in Healthcare Council

Similar Bills

HB 7047 - Relating to Health Care by Healthcare Council

Actions

04/12/07 HOUSE Substituted for SB 1116; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 1116;

HB 7067 - Relating to Fixed-Payment Service Delivery System/AHCA by Healthcare Council

Actions

03/30/07 HOUSE Temporarily postponed by Policy & Budget Council
05/04/07 HOUSE Died in Policy & Budget Council

[HB 497 - Relating to Personal Care Attendant Program - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by Gardiner Cosponsors: Nehr, Hays

Summary

General Personal Care Attendant Program; This bill revises provisions governing program to provide personal care attendants for persons who have disabilities.

The bill directs the Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living to administer a program to provide such attendants to persons who have severe and chronic disabilities. The bill revises eligibility requirements for persons to participate in personal care attendant program. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

02/01/07 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Council; Policy & Budget Council
02/08/07 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Healthy Seniors by Healthcare Council
03/06/07 HOUSE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Healthy Seniors; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/15/07 Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of the EDR's Revenue Impact Conference; 03/17/07, 11:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
03/27/07 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Healthcare Council; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
05/04/07 HOUSE Died in Policy & Budget Council

Similar Bills

SB 0922 - Relating to Personal Care Attendant Program by Wise

Actions

02/13/07 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
03/21/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Health Policy; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/24/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
05/04/07 SENATE Died in Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations

[SB 2470 - Relating to John M. McKay Scholarship/Continuing Participation - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by Wise

Summary

General John M. McKay Scholarship/Continuing Participation; authorizes students who, due to their disability, are not able to maintain regular and direct contact with the private school they are attending on scholarship, to continue to participate in John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program. Amends 1002.39. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

Actions

03/20/07 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
05/04/07 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

Compare Bills

SB 2380 - Relating to Education/Failing Schools by Webster

Actions

04/10/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education Pre-K - 12; 4 Yeas, 2 Nays
04/19/07 SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 04/24/07, 8:15 am, 301 S; ----- Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of the EDR's Revenue Impact Conference; 04/21/07 10:00 am 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
04/24/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by Finance and Tax; 3 Yeas, 2 Nays
04/30/07 SENATE Withdrawn from Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on second reading; Placed on Special Order Calendar for 05/02/07
05/02/07 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment(s) Adopted; Amendment(s) Withdrawn; Substituted for HB 7145; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7145

[SB 2600 - Relating to Transition Program/Students with Disabilities - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by King, Jr.

Summary

General Transition Program/Students with Disabilities; creates a program to provide continuity in education of students with disabilities who formerly received scholarships under John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program The bill provides eligibility criteria for students and private schools to participate in program. The bill also requires DOE to notify parents of the program and provides eligibility requirements for private schools that participate in program, etc. Creates 1002.371. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

Actions

03/20/07 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Operations; Finance and Tax; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
03/27/07 SENATE temporarily postponed by Education Pre-K - 12
05/04/07 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K – 12

[SB 1642 - Relating to McKay Scholarships/Autism Disorder - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by Fasano

Summary

General McKay Scholarships/Autism Disorder; authorizes John M. McKay Scholarship to fund home-based early intervention program for child with Autism Spectrum Disorder The bill provides program requirements and specifies uses for scholarship funds . It authorizes the scholarship to fund certain community-based services for public school student with Autism Spectrum Disorder and provides exemption from attendance requirement. Amends 1002.39. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

03/07/07 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

05/04/07 SENATE Died in Committee on Education Pre-K – 12

[HB 1341 - Relating to John M. McKay Scholarships - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s)

by Precourt CoSponsors: Bullard (E)

Summary

General John M. McKay Scholarships; authorizes John M. McKay Scholarships for students to attend home education programs and alternative schools. It revises student eligibility requirements for scholarships and eligibility requirements for school program participants. The bill authorizes John M. McKay Scholarship to fund certain community-based services for public school student with Autism Spectrum Disorder, etc. Amends 1002.39. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

03/12/07 HOUSE Referred to Schools & Learning Council; Policy & Budget Council
03/16/07 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Education Innovation & Career Preparation by Schools & Learning Council
03/27/07 HOUSE temporarily postponed by Education Innovation & Career Preparation
05/04/07 HOUSE Died in Committee on Education Innovation & Career Preparation

[SB 2330 - Relating to FCAT/Fla. School for Deaf & Blind - 2007](#)

Sponsor(s) by Wilson

Summary

General FCAT/Fla. School for Deaf & Blind; requires Education Commissioner to obtain input concerning design and implementation of FCAT from persons recommended by Florida School for Deaf & Blind & Americans with Disabilities Working Group. Amends 1008.22. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

03/14/07 SENATE Referred to Education
Pre-K - 12
05/04/07 SENATE Died in Committee on
Education Pre-K - 12

Compare Bills

**HB 7081 - Relating to K-8 Virtual Schools
by Schools & Learning Council**

Actions

04/11/07 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed
on Second Reading; Retained on Calendar
05/04/07 HOUSE Died on Calendar

**[SB 2130 - Relating to Exceptional
Students/OPPAGA Study - 2007](#)**

Sponsor(s) by Constantine

CoSponsors: Bullard (L), Gaetz CS

**Sponsors: Education Pre-K - 12,
Education Pre-K-12 Appropriations**

Summary

General Exceptional Students/OPPAGA
Study; requires study by OPPAGA of
provision of educational services to certain
exceptional students referred to or placed in
private residential care facilities and defines
terms; The bill requires report with
recommendations. EFFECTIVE DATE:
07/01/2007.

Actions

03/14/07 SENATE Referred to Education
Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12
Appropriations
03/27/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by
Education Pre-K - 12; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
04/17/07 SENATE Favorable with CS by
Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; 4
Yeas, 0 Nays
04/30/07 SENATE Read Third Time;
Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House
Messages
05/04/07 HOUSE Died in Messages

**[HB 7145 - Relating to Scholarship
Programs](#)**

**Sponsor(s) by Schools & Learning
Council, Pickens Cosponsors: Nehr,
Altman**

Summary

General Scholarship Programs; amends
provisions re Corporate Income Tax Credit
Scholarship Program to revise program
purposes; provides for eligibility of siblings
of certain students and revises provisions
for authorized uses of scholarship funds and
expenditure of contributions received during
the fiscal year. The bill amends provisions
of the John M. McKay Scholarships for
Students with Disabilities Program to
revise scholarship ineligibility and private
school eligibility provisions, EFFECTIVE
DATE: 07/01/2007.

Actions

04/11/07 HOUSE Referred to Calendar;
Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of
the EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact
Conference; 04/13/07, 3:00 pm, 117 K (No
Votes Will Be Taken)
04/30/07 HOUSE Read Third Time;
Passed (Vote: 84 Yeas / 34 Nays); In Senate
messages
05/02/07 SENATE Received, referred to
Education Pre-K - 12; Finance and Tax;
Withdrawn from Education Pre-K - 12;
Finance and Tax; Substituted for SB 2380;
Read Second Time; Amendment(s)
Withdrawn; Amendment(s) Adopted
05/03/07 SENATE Read Third Time;
Passed (Vote: 26 Yeas / 15 Nays); In House
returning messages
05/04/07 HOUSE Died in returning
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