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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Storms) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 41 - 85
and insert:
establish an Autism Services Grant Council whose membership shall be drawn from among stakeholders throughout the state who represent the interests of individuals with autism and related disabilities. The grant council shall provide grants from available Autism license plate proceeds to nonprofit organizations throughout the state to establish or operate direct services and programs for individuals with autism and



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12 related disabilities and their families or to market the Autism
13 license plate. Consideration for participation in such services
14 and programs shall be given to applicants who are children or
15 adults with autism and related disabilities and their families
16 and shall include those who are on the Agency for Persons with
17 Disabilities waiting lists for services. Achievement and
18 Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall also establish an Autism
19 License Plate Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used by the
20 grant council as provided in this paragraph. All funds received
21 under this subsection must be used in this state.

22 (c) Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., may
23 retain all proceeds from the annual use fee up to \$85,000 until
24 all documented startup costs for developing and establishing the
25 plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds from the
26 annual use fee shall be used as follows:

27 1. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., may use up
28 to 10 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee for all
29 administrative costs associated with the operation of the Autism
30 Services Grant Council, the Autism License Plate Fund, and the
31 programs established and operated as provided in subparagraph
32 2., including the costs of an annual audit or compliance
33 affidavit.

34 2. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., may use
35 up to twenty-five percent of the proceeds from the annual use
36 fee to establish and operate programs statewide to support
37 individuals with autism and related disabilities and their
38 families through direct services, evaluation, and training.

39 3. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall
40 disburse fifteen percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee



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41 to The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the
42 University of Miami, for distribution to the seven regional
43 autism centers created under s. 1004.55. To the extent possible,
44 the director of The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities
45 at the University of Miami shall distribute funds
46 proportionately among the regional centers. The regional centers
47 shall use the funds to support the services they provide.

48 4. Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., shall
49 disburse fifty percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee
50 to the Autism Services Grant Council which shall provide grants
51 to nonprofit organizations throughout the state to establish or
52 operate direct services and programs for individuals with autism
53 and related disabilities and their families or to market the
54 Autism license plate.

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56 All grant recipients, the Achievement and Rehabilitation
57 Centers, Inc., and the Center for Autism and Related
58 Disabilities at the University of Miami, shall provide to the
59 Autism Services Grant Council an annual program and financial
60 report regarding the use of the proceeds from the annual use
61 fee. The report shall be made available to the public.