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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education (Perry)  
recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 18 - 51

and insert:

known as "Project Leo," through regional autism centers  
established under s. 1004.55. Each center that opts to join the  
pilot project shall distribute ~~to provide~~ personal devices to  
aid search-and-rescue efforts for persons with special needs in  
the case of elopement.

~~(b) There is created an additional pilot project in Palm~~



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11 ~~Beach County to provide personal devices to aid search and~~  
12 ~~rescue efforts for persons with special needs in the case of~~  
13 ~~elopement.~~

14 ~~(c) There is created an additional pilot project in~~  
15 ~~Hillsborough County to provide personal devices to aid search-~~  
16 ~~and-rescue efforts for persons with special needs in the case of~~  
17 ~~elopement.~~

18 (2) ~~(a)1.~~ Participants for the pilot project ~~specified in~~  
19 ~~paragraph (1)(a)~~ shall be selected based on criteria developed  
20 by each participating center based on the specific needs of that  
21 center's service area counties prescribed under s. 1004.55 ~~the~~  
22 ~~Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the University of~~  
23 ~~Florida.~~

24 ~~2.~~ Participants for the pilot project ~~specified in~~  
25 ~~paragraph (1)(b)~~ shall be selected based on criteria developed  
26 by ~~the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at Florida~~  
27 ~~Atlantic University.~~

28 ~~3.~~ Participants for the pilot project ~~specified in~~  
29 ~~paragraph (1)(c)~~ shall be selected based on criteria developed  
30 by ~~the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the~~  
31 ~~University of South Florida.~~

32 ~~(b)~~ Criteria for participation in the pilot project  
33 ~~projects~~ must include, at a minimum, the person's risk of  
34 elopement. The qualifying participants shall be selected on a  
35 first-come, first-served basis by the respective centers to the  
36 extent of available funding within their existing resources. The  
37 ~~Each~~ project must be voluntary and free of charge to  
38 participants.

39 (3) Under the ~~each~~ pilot project, personal devices to aid



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40 ~~search-and-rescue efforts which are attachable to clothing or~~  
41 ~~otherwise worn~~ shall be provided by the respective center to the

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43 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

44 And the title is amended as follows:

45 Delete lines 4 - 6

46 and insert:

47 for missing persons with special needs to the regional  
48 autism centers; requiring each center that opts to  
49 join the pilot project to distribute personal devices  
50 under certain circumstances; revising the requirements  
51 for personal devices used in the pilot project;  
52 conforming provisions to