

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to individuals with disabilities;
3 amending s. 393.064, F.S.; requiring the Agency for
4 Persons with Disabilities to offer voluntary
5 participation care navigation services to certain
6 persons under certain circumstances; providing goals
7 and requirements for care navigation services;
8 amending s. 393.065, F.S.; requiring the agency to
9 develop and implement an electronic application
10 process; requiring the agency to maintain a printable
11 paper application on its website and, upon request,
12 provide a printed paper application to an applicant;
13 requiring the agency to provide applicants with
14 specified information upon receipt of an application
15 for services; defining the term "complete
16 application"; revising timeframes within which the
17 agency must make eligibility determinations for
18 services; lowering the age that a caregiver must be
19 for an individual to be placed in a certain
20 preenrollment category; amending s. 393.0651, F.S.;
21 requiring the agency to provide an individual support
22 plan for each client served by the home and community-
23 based services Medicaid waiver program; providing
24 appropriations; requiring the Agency for Persons with
25 Disabilities, in consultation with Agency for Health

26 Care Administration, to jointly develop a
27 comprehensive plan for the administration, finance,
28 and delivery of home and community-based services
29 through a new home and community-based services
30 Medicaid waiver program; providing requirements for
31 the waiver program; requiring the Agency for Health
32 Care Administration to submit a specified report to
33 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
34 Speaker of the House of Representatives by a specified
35 date; requiring the agency to provide the option and
36 include functionality for electronic transmissions to
37 the iConnect system; prohibiting the agency from
38 requiring training on the use of its data management
39 system by certain persons or entities; requiring the
40 agency to provide enhanced technical assistance;
41 requiring the agency to submit a specified report to
42 the Governor, the Legislature, and the appropriate
43 fiscal and policy committees by a specified date;
44 providing for a type two transfer of the Florida
45 Unique Abilities Partner Program from the Department
46 of Commerce to the Agency for Persons with
47 Disabilities; amending ss. 20.60 and 413.801, F.S.;
48 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
49 providing effective dates.

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51 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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53 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 393.064, Florida
 54 Statutes, is amended to read:

55 393.064 Care navigation ~~Prevention~~.—

56 (1) Within available resources, the agency must offer to
 57 clients and their caregivers, care navigation services for
 58 voluntary participation at time of application and as part of
 59 any eligibility or renewal review. The goals of care navigation
 60 are to create a seamless network of community resources and
 61 supports for the client and the client's family as a whole to
 62 support a client in daily living, community integration, and
 63 achievement of individual goals. Care navigation services shall
 64 involve assessing client needs, developing care plans, and
 65 implementing care plans, including, but not limited to,
 66 connecting a client to resources and supports. At a minimum, a
 67 care plan shall address immediate, intermediate, and long term
 68 needs and goals to promote and increase well-being and
 69 opportunities for education, employment, social engagement,
 70 community integration, and caregiver support. For a client who
 71 is a public school student entitled to a free appropriate public
 72 education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
 73 I.D.E.A., as amended, the care plan shall be integrated with the
 74 student's individual education plan (IEP). The care plan and IEP
 75 must be implemented to maximize the attainment of educational

76 ~~and habilitation goals shall give priority to the development,~~
 77 ~~planning, and implementation of programs which have the~~
 78 ~~potential to prevent, correct, cure, or reduce the severity of~~
 79 ~~developmental disabilities. The agency shall direct an~~
 80 ~~interagency and interprogram effort for the continued~~
 81 ~~development of a prevention plan and program. The agency shall~~
 82 ~~identify, through demonstration projects, through program~~
 83 ~~evaluation, and through monitoring of programs and projects~~
 84 ~~conducted outside of the agency, any medical, social, economic,~~
 85 ~~or educational methods, techniques, or procedures that have the~~
 86 ~~potential to effectively ameliorate, correct, or cure~~
 87 ~~developmental disabilities. The agency shall determine the costs~~
 88 ~~and benefits that would be associated with such prevention~~
 89 ~~efforts and shall implement, or recommend the implementation of,~~
 90 ~~those methods, techniques, or procedures which are found likely~~
 91 ~~to be cost-beneficial.~~

92 Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection
 93 (5) of section 393.065, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

94 393.065 Application and eligibility determination.—

95 (1) (a) The agency shall develop and implement an online
 96 application process that, at a minimum, supports paperless
 97 electronic application submissions with immediate e-mail
 98 confirmation to each applicant to acknowledge receipt of
 99 application upon submission.

100 (b) The agency shall maintain access to a printable paper

101 application on its website and, upon request, must provide an
102 applicant with a printed paper application. Paper applications
103 may ~~Application for services shall be submitted~~ made in writing
104 to the agency, in the region in which the applicant resides,
105 sent to a central or regional address via regular United States
106 mail, or faxed to a central or regional confidential fax number.
107 All applications, regardless of manner of submission, must be
108 acknowledged as received, with an immediate receipt confirmation
109 in the same manner as the application had been received unless
110 the applicant has designated an alternative, preferred
111 communication method on the submitted application.

112 (c) The agency ~~must~~ shall review each submitted
113 application in accordance with federal time standards. ~~and make~~
114 ~~an eligibility determination within 60 days after receipt of the~~
115 ~~signed application. If, at the time of the application, an~~
116 ~~applicant is requesting enrollment in the home and community-~~
117 ~~based services Medicaid waiver program for individuals with~~
118 ~~developmental disabilities deemed to be in crisis, as described~~
119 ~~in paragraph (5)(a), the agency shall complete an eligibility~~
120 ~~determination within 45 days after receipt of the signed~~
121 ~~application.~~

122 1.(a) If the agency determines additional documentation is
123 necessary to make an eligibility determination, the agency may
124 request the additional documentation from the applicant.

125 2.(b) When necessary to definitively identify individual

126 conditions or needs, the agency or its designee must provide a
127 comprehensive assessment.

128 ~~(c) If the agency requests additional documentation from~~
129 ~~the applicant or provides or arranges for a comprehensive~~
130 ~~assessment, the agency's eligibility determination must be~~
131 ~~completed within 90 days after receipt of the signed~~
132 ~~application.~~

133 (d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "complete
134 application" means an application submitted to the agency which
135 is signed and dated by the applicant or an individual with legal
136 authority to apply for public benefits on behalf of the
137 applicant, is responsive on all parts of the application, and
138 contains documentation of a diagnosis.

139 2. If the applicant requesting enrollment in the home and
140 community-based services Medicaid waiver program for individuals
141 with developmental disabilities is deemed to be in crisis as
142 described in paragraph (5)(a), the agency must make an
143 eligibility determination within 15 calendar days after receipt
144 of a complete application.

145 3. If the applicant meets the criteria specified in
146 paragraph (5)(b), the agency must review and make an eligibility
147 determination as soon as practicable after receipt of a complete
148 application.

149 4. If the application meets the criteria specified in
150 paragraphs (5)(c)-(g), the agency shall make an eligibility

151 determination within 60 days after receipt of a complete
 152 application. Any delays in the eligibility determination process
 153 or any tolling of the time standard until certain information or
 154 actions have been completed, must be conveyed to the client as
 155 soon as such delays are known with a verbal contact to the
 156 client or the client's designated caregiver and confirmed by a
 157 written notice of the delay, the anticipated length of delay,
 158 and a contact person for the client.

159 (5) Except as provided in subsections (6) and (7), if a
 160 client seeking enrollment in the developmental disabilities home
 161 and community-based services Medicaid waiver program meets the
 162 level of care requirement for an intermediate care facility for
 163 individuals with intellectual disabilities pursuant to 42 C.F.R.
 164 ss. 435.217(b) (1) and 440.150, the agency must assign the client
 165 to an appropriate preenrollment category pursuant to this
 166 subsection and must provide priority to clients waiting for
 167 waiver services in the following order:

168 (d) Category 4, which includes, but is not required to be
 169 limited to, clients whose caregivers are 60 ~~70~~ years of age or
 170 older and for whom a caregiver is required but no alternate
 171 caregiver is available.

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 173 Within preenrollment categories 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, the agency
 174 shall prioritize clients in the order of the date that the
 175 client is determined eligible for waiver services.

176 Section 3. Section 393.0651, Florida Statutes, is amended
 177 to read:

178 393.0651 Family or individual support plan.—The agency
 179 shall provide directly or contract for the development of a
 180 family support plan for children ages 3 to 18 years of age and
 181 an individual support plan for each client served by the home
 182 and community-based services Medicaid waiver program under s.
 183 393.0662. The client, if competent, the client's parent or
 184 guardian, or, when appropriate, the client advocate, shall be
 185 consulted in the development of the plan and shall receive a
 186 copy of the plan. Each plan must include the most appropriate,
 187 least restrictive, and most cost-beneficial environment for
 188 accomplishment of the objectives for client progress and a
 189 specification of all services authorized. The plan must include
 190 provisions for the most appropriate level of care for the
 191 client. Within the specification of needs and services for each
 192 client, when residential care is necessary, the agency shall
 193 move toward placement of clients in residential facilities based
 194 within the client's community. The ultimate goal of each plan,
 195 whenever possible, shall be to enable the client to live a
 196 dignified life in the least restrictive setting, be that in the
 197 home or in the community. The family or individual support plan
 198 must be developed within 60 calendar days after the agency
 199 determines the client eligible pursuant to s. 393.065(3). When
 200 developing or reviewing the support plan, the waiver support

201 coordinator must inform the client, the client's parent or
202 guardian, or, when appropriate, the client advocate about the
203 consumer-directed care program under s. 409.221.

204 (1) The agency shall develop and specify by rule the core
205 components of support plans.

206 (2) The family or individual support plan shall be
207 integrated with the individual education plan (IEP) for all
208 clients who are public school students entitled to a free
209 appropriate public education under the Individuals with
210 Disabilities Education Act, I.D.E.A., as amended. The family or
211 individual support plan and IEP must be implemented to maximize
212 the attainment of educational and habilitation goals.

213 (a) If the IEP for a student enrolled in a public school
214 program indicates placement in a public or private residential
215 program is necessary to provide special education and related
216 services to a client, the local education agency must provide
217 for the costs of that service in accordance with the
218 requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
219 I.D.E.A., as amended. This does not preclude local education
220 agencies and the agency from sharing the residential service
221 costs of students who are clients and require residential
222 placement.

223 (b) For clients who are entering or exiting the school
224 system, an interdepartmental staffing team composed of
225 representatives of the agency and the local school system shall

226 | develop a written transitional living and training plan with the
227 | participation of the client or with the parent or guardian of
228 | the client, or the client advocate, as appropriate.

229 | (3) Each family or individual support plan shall be
230 | facilitated through case management designed solely to advance
231 | the individual needs of the client.

232 | (4) In the development of the family or individual support
233 | plan, a client advocate may be appointed by the support planning
234 | team for a client who is a minor or for a client who is not
235 | capable of express and informed consent when:

236 | (a) The parent or guardian cannot be identified;

237 | (b) The whereabouts of the parent or guardian cannot be
238 | discovered; or

239 | (c) The state is the only legal representative of the
240 | client.

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242 | Such appointment may not be construed to extend the powers of
243 | the client advocate to include any of those powers delegated by
244 | law to a legal guardian.

245 | (5) The agency shall place a client in the most
246 | appropriate and least restrictive, and cost-beneficial,
247 | residential facility according to his or her individual support
248 | plan. The client, if competent, the client's parent or guardian,
249 | or, when appropriate, the client advocate, and the administrator
250 | of the facility to which placement is proposed shall be

251 consulted in determining the appropriate placement for the
252 client. Considerations for placement shall be made in the
253 following order:

254 (a) Client's own home or the home of a family member or
255 direct service provider.

256 (b) Foster care facility.

257 (c) Group home facility.

258 (d) Intermediate care facility for the developmentally
259 disabled.

260 (e) Other facilities licensed by the agency which offer
261 special programs for people with developmental disabilities.

262 (f) Developmental disabilities center.

263 (6) In developing a client's annual family or individual
264 support plan, the individual or family with the assistance of
265 the support planning team shall identify measurable objectives
266 for client progress and shall specify a time period expected for
267 achievement of each objective.

268 (7) The individual, family, and support coordinator shall
269 review progress in achieving the objectives specified in each
270 client's family or individual support plan, and shall revise the
271 plan annually, following consultation with the client, if
272 competent, or with the parent or guardian of the client, or,
273 when appropriate, the client advocate. The agency or designated
274 contractor shall annually report in writing to the client, if
275 competent, or to the parent or guardian of the client, or to the

276 client advocate, when appropriate, with respect to the client's
277 habilitative and medical progress.

278 (8) Any client, or any parent of a minor client, or
279 guardian, authorized guardian advocate, or client advocate for a
280 client, who is substantially affected by the client's initial
281 family or individual support plan, or the annual review thereof,
282 shall have the right to file a notice to challenge the decision
283 pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Notice of such right to
284 appeal shall be included in all support plans provided by the
285 agency.

286 Section 4. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of
287 \$16,562,703 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and
288 \$22,289,520 in recurring funds from the Operations and
289 Maintenance Trust Fund are appropriated in the Home and
290 Community Based Services Waiver category to the Agency for
291 Persons with Disabilities to offer waiver services to the
292 greatest number of individuals permissible under the
293 appropriation from preenrollment categories 3, 4, and 5,
294 including individuals whose caregiver is age 60 or older in
295 category 4, established in s. 393.065, Florida Statutes, as
296 amended by this act, and from preenrollment category 6 who have
297 a sibling in preenrollment category 3, category 4, category 5,
298 or category 6.

299 Section 5. The Agency for Health Care Administration and
300 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, in consultation with

301 other stakeholders, shall jointly develop a comprehensive plan
302 for the administration, finance, and delivery of home and
303 community-based services through a new home and community-based
304 services Medicaid waiver program. The waiver program shall be
305 for clients transitioning into adulthood and shall be designed
306 to prevent future crisis enrollment into the waiver authorized
307 under s. 393.0662, Florida Statutes. The Agency for Health Care
308 Administration is authorized to contract with necessary experts,
309 in consultation with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities,
310 to assist in developing the plan. The Agency for Health Care
311 Administration, in consultation with the Agency for Persons with
312 Disabilities, must submit a report to the Governor, the
313 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
314 Representatives by December 1, 2024, addressing, at a minimum,
315 all of the following:

316 (1) The purpose, rationale, and expected benefits of the
317 new waiver program.

318 (2) The proposed eligibility criteria for clients and
319 service benefit package to be offered through the waiver
320 program.

321 (3) A proposed implementation plan and timeline, including
322 recommendations for number of clients served by the waiver
323 program at initial implementation, changes over time, and any
324 per-client benefit caps.

325 (4) Proposals for how clients will transition onto and off

326 of the waiver, including, but not limited to, transitions
327 between this waiver and the waiver established under s.
328 393.0662, Florida Statutes.

329 (5) The fiscal impact for the implementation year and
330 projections for the next 5 years, determined on an actuarially-
331 sound basis.

332 (6) An analysis of the availability of services that would
333 be offered under the waiver program and recommendations to
334 increase availability of such services, if necessary.

335 (7) A list of all stakeholders, public and private, who
336 were consulted or contacted as part of the waiver program.

337 Section 6. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall
338 provide the option and include functionality for providers to
339 electronically transmit all required information to the agency's
340 data management system, known as the iConnect system, in an
341 industry standard format designated by the agency.

342 Notwithstanding s. 393.066(2), Florida Statutes, persons or
343 entities under contract with the agency may maintain information
344 documenting service provision to clients in their own data
345 management systems until the agency data management system's
346 ability to accept all required data from external systems
347 electronically is fully operational. Persons or entities shall
348 use the system for electronic visit verification as required by
349 the agency. The agency may not require training on the use of
350 its data management system by persons or entities that choose to

351 maintain data in their own data management systems until the
352 agency data management system's ability to accept all required
353 data from external systems electronically is fully operational,
354 except that the agency may require training for use of the
355 electronic visit verification functionality. The agency shall,
356 at a minimum, provide enhanced technical assistance and host
357 feedback and listening sessions with service providers to plan
358 for future system enhancements. The agency shall submit a report
359 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
360 House of Representatives, and the appropriate fiscal and policy
361 committees by December 31, 2024, that assesses the functionality
362 of the data management system, considering the needs of and
363 impacts on the agency and persons and entities using the data
364 management system, and provides options and associated costs for
365 achieving sufficient functionality.

366 Section 7. Effective October 1, 2024, all powers, duties,
367 functions, records, offices, personnel, associated
368 administrative support positions, property, pending issues,
369 existing contracts, administrative authority, administrative
370 rules, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations,
371 and any other funds relating to the Florida Unique Abilities
372 Partner Program are transferred by a type two transfer, as
373 described in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, from the Department
374 of Commerce to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

375 Section 8. Effective October 1, 2024, paragraph (c) of

376 subsection (10) of section 20.60, Florida Statutes, is amended
 377 to read:

378 20.60 Department of Commerce; creation; powers and
 379 duties.—

380 (10) The department shall, by November 1 of each year,
 381 submit an annual report to the Governor, the President of the
 382 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the
 383 condition of the business climate and economic development in
 384 the state.

385 (c) The report must incorporate annual reports of other
 386 programs, including:

387 1. A detailed report of the performance of the Black
 388 Business Loan Program and a cumulative summary of quarterly
 389 report data required under s. 288.714.

390 2. The Rural Economic Development Initiative established
 391 under s. 288.0656.

392 ~~3. The Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program.~~

393 3.4. A detailed report of the performance of the Florida
 394 Development Finance Corporation and a summary of the
 395 corporation's report required under s. 288.9610.

396 4.5. Information provided by Space Florida under s.
 397 331.3051 and an analysis of the activities and accomplishments
 398 of Space Florida.

399 Section 9. Effective October 1, 2024, section 413.801,
 400 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

401 413.801 Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program.—
 402 (1) CREATION AND PURPOSE.—The Agency for Persons with
 403 Disabilities ~~Department of Economic Opportunity~~ shall establish
 404 the Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program to designate a
 405 business entity as a Florida Unique Abilities Partner if the
 406 business entity demonstrates commitment, through employment or
 407 support, to the independence of individuals who have a
 408 disability. The agency ~~department~~ shall consult with the
 409 Department of Commerce ~~Agency for Persons with Disabilities~~, the
 410 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of
 411 Education, the Division of Blind Services of the Department of
 412 Education, and CareerSource Florida, Inc., in creating the
 413 program.

414 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
 415 (a) "Agency Department" means the Agency for Persons with
 416 Disabilities ~~Department of Economic Opportunity~~.

417 (b) "Individuals who have a disability" means persons who
 418 have a physical or intellectual impairment that substantially
 419 limits one or more major life activities, persons who have a
 420 history or record of such an impairment, or persons who are
 421 perceived by others as having such an impairment.

422 (3) DESIGNATION.—
 423 (a) A business entity may apply to the agency ~~department~~
 424 to be designated as a Florida Unique Abilities Partner, based on
 425 the business entity's achievements in at least one of the

426 following categories:

427 1. Employment of individuals who have a disability.

428 2. Contributions to local or national disability
429 organizations.

430 3. Contributions to, or the establishment of, a program
431 that contributes to the independence of individuals who have a
432 disability.

433 (b) As an alternative to application by a business entity,
434 the agency ~~department~~ must consider nominations from members of
435 the community where the business entity is located. The
436 nomination must identify the business entity's achievements in
437 at least one of the categories provided in paragraph (a).

438 (c) The name, location, and contact information of the
439 business entity must be included in the business entity's
440 application or nomination.

441 (d) The agency ~~department~~ shall adopt procedures for the
442 application, nomination, and designation processes for the
443 Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program. Designation as a
444 Florida Unique Abilities Partner does not establish or involve
445 licensure, does not affect the substantial interests of a party,
446 and does not constitute a final agency action. The Florida
447 Unique Abilities Partner Program and designation are not subject
448 to chapter 120.

449 (4) ELIGIBILITY AND AWARD.—In determining the eligibility
450 for the designation of a business entity as a Florida Unique

451 Abilities Partner, the agency ~~department~~ shall consider, at a
452 minimum, the following criteria:

453 (a) For a designation based on an application by a
454 business entity, the business entity must certify that:

455 1. It employs at least one individual who has a
456 disability. Such employees must be residents of this state and
457 must have been employed by the business entity for at least 9
458 months before the business entity's application for the
459 designation. The agency ~~department~~ may not require the employer
460 to provide personally identifiable information about its
461 employees;

462 2. It has made contributions to local and national
463 disability organizations or contributions in support of
464 individuals who have a disability. Contributions may be
465 accomplished through financial or in-kind contributions,
466 including employee volunteer hours. Contributions must be
467 documented by providing copies of written receipts or letters of
468 acknowledgment from recipients or donees. A business entity with
469 100 or fewer employees must make a financial or in-kind
470 contribution of at least \$1,000, and a business entity with more
471 than 100 employees must make a financial or in-kind contribution
472 of at least \$5,000; or

473 3. It has established, or has contributed to the
474 establishment of, a program that contributes to the independence
475 of individuals who have a disability. Contributions must be

476 documented by providing copies of written receipts, a summary of
477 the program, program materials, or letters of acknowledgment
478 from program participants or volunteers. A business entity with
479 100 or fewer employees must make a financial or in-kind
480 contribution of at least \$1,000 in the program, and a business
481 entity with more than 100 employees must make a financial or in-
482 kind contribution of at least \$5,000.

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484 A business entity that applies to the agency ~~department~~ to be
485 designated as a Florida Unique Abilities Partner shall be
486 awarded the designation upon meeting the requirements of this
487 section.

488 (b) For a designation based upon receipt of a nomination
489 of a business entity:

490 1. The agency ~~department~~ shall determine whether the
491 nominee, based on the information provided by the nominating
492 person or entity, meets the requirements of paragraph (a). The
493 agency ~~department~~ may request additional information from the
494 nominee.

495 2. If the nominee meets the requirements, the agency
496 ~~department~~ shall provide notice, including the qualification
497 criteria provided in the nomination, to the nominee regarding
498 the nominee's eligibility to be awarded a designation as a
499 Florida Unique Abilities Partner.

500 3. The nominee shall be provided 30 days after receipt of

501 the notice to certify that the information in the notice is true
502 and accurate and accept the nomination, to provide corrected
503 information for consideration by the agency ~~department~~ and
504 indicate an intention to accept the nomination, or to decline
505 the nomination. If the nominee accepts the nomination, the
506 agency ~~department~~ shall award the designation. The agency
507 ~~department~~ may not award the designation if the nominee declines
508 the nomination or has not accepted the nomination within 30 days
509 after receiving notice.

510 (5) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.—After an initial designation as
511 a Florida Unique Abilities Partner, a business entity must
512 certify each year that it continues to meet the criteria for the
513 designation. If the business entity does not submit the yearly
514 certification of continued eligibility, the agency ~~department~~
515 shall remove the designation. The business entity may elect to
516 discontinue its designation status at any time by notifying the
517 agency ~~department~~ of such decision.

518 (6) LOGO DEVELOPMENT.—

519 (a) The agency ~~department~~, in consultation with members of
520 the disability community, shall develop a logo that identifies a
521 business entity that is designated as a Florida Unique Abilities
522 Partner.

523 (b) The agency ~~department~~ shall adopt guidelines and
524 requirements for the use of the logo, including how the logo may
525 be used in advertising. The agency ~~department~~ may allow a

526 business entity to display a Florida Unique Abilities Partner
 527 logo upon designation. A business entity that has not been
 528 designated as a Florida Unique Abilities Partner or has elected
 529 to discontinue its designated status may not display the logo.

530 (7) WEBSITE.—The agency ~~department~~ shall maintain a
 531 website for the program. At a minimum, the website must provide
 532 a list of business entities, by county, which currently have the
 533 Florida Unique Abilities Partner designation, updated quarterly;
 534 information regarding the eligibility requirements for the
 535 designation and the method of application or nomination; and
 536 best practices for business entities to facilitate the inclusion
 537 of individuals who have a disability, updated annually. The
 538 website may provide links to the websites of organizations or
 539 other resources that will aid business entities to employ or
 540 support individuals who have a disability.

541 (8) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.—

542 (a) The Department of Commerce ~~Agency for Persons with~~
 543 ~~Disabilities~~ shall provide a link on its website to the agency's
 544 ~~department's~~ website for the Florida Unique Abilities Partner
 545 Program.

546 (b) On a quarterly basis, the agency ~~department~~ shall
 547 provide the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation with
 548 a current list of all businesses that are designated as Florida
 549 Unique Abilities Partners. The Florida Tourism Industry
 550 Marketing Corporation must consider the Florida Unique Abilities

551 Partner Program in the development of marketing campaigns, and
 552 specifically in any targeted marketing campaign for individuals
 553 who have a disability or their families.

554 (c) The agency ~~department~~ and CareerSource Florida, Inc.,
 555 shall identify employment opportunities posted by business
 556 entities that currently have the Florida Unique Abilities
 557 Partner designation in the workforce information system under s.
 558 445.011.

559 (9) REPORT.—

560 ~~(a) By January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter 2017, the~~
 561 agency ~~department~~ shall provide a report on the progress and use
 562 of the program to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
 563 the House of Representatives ~~on the status of the implementation~~
 564 ~~of this section, including the adoption of rules, development of~~
 565 ~~the logo, and development of application procedures.~~

566 ~~(b) Beginning in 2017 and each year thereafter, the~~
 567 ~~department's annual report required under s. 20.60 must describe~~
 568 ~~in detail the progress and use of the program.~~ At a minimum, the
 569 report must include, for the most recent year, all of the
 570 following:

571 (a) The number of applications and nominations received. †

572 (b) The number of nominations accepted and declined. †

573 (c) The number of designations awarded. †

574 (d) Annual certifications. †

575 (e) The use of information provided under subsection (8). †

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576 | ~~and~~

577 | (f) Any other information the agency deems ~~deemed~~
578 | necessary to evaluate the program.

579 | (10) RULES.—The agency ~~department~~ shall adopt rules to
580 | administer this section.

581 | Section 10. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
582 | this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.