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Tallahassee, FL – [House Bill 173](#) filed by State Representative Allison Tant (D-Tallahassee) has passed the House floor with unanimous support.

This bill requires long term job and career planning with students, parents, and Individual Education Plan (IEP) school teams to begin in middle school for students with disabilities, so that these students enter high school with appropriate career and job skills.

This bill also requires the disclosure of critical information by teachers to parents and guardians of students with disabilities of existing state resources for post-secondary, career/technical, and collegiate training.

“Parents are currently not aware of the transformational work that school districts and the Florida Department of Education are doing to put students with disabilities on a path to self-sufficiency and meaningful work. My bill, **HB 173**, would create a workforce path for students with disabilities as well as a requirement for students, parents, and guardians to know about the essential workforce programs our schools have. The bill would also require a full-on discussion with parents about the diploma deferral requirements in order to access continuing education benefits for students with IEPs from age 18-22,” said **Representative Tant** whose developmentally delayed son has a job due to his school district's transition program.

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