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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – State Representative Allison Tant (D-Tallahassee) and State Senator Annette Taddeo (D-Miami) have filed [HB 173/SB 726](#), legislation designed to help students with disabilities with job training and appropriate living skill development through individual education plans.**

“Parents are 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. The bill requires this information be shared with parents at their students’ Individual Education Plan (IEP) meeting beginning at age 12 with long-term planning and teaching. Without this notice, parents are unaware of these options and these students have no options once they graduate from school,” said **Representative Tant** whose developmentally delayed son has a job due to his school district’s transition program.

This bill requires long-term planning with students, parents, and IEP school teams begin earlier for students with disabilities. This bill also requires a firm plan of action for job training and career success be established by the age of 16 so that students can enter their senior year of high school with a path for continued educational development from ages 18-22, as per Florida Law.

“Things are already tough enough for parents of students with disabilities. This bill ensures school resources are readily available by providing a space for parents and educators to sit with their students and plan for their future which is integral to their success and their contributions to society,” said **Senator Taddeo**.

In addition to the planning and notice requirements of the bill, it also authorizes the Florida Department of Education to audit current programs around the state to suggest best practices for transition programs.

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