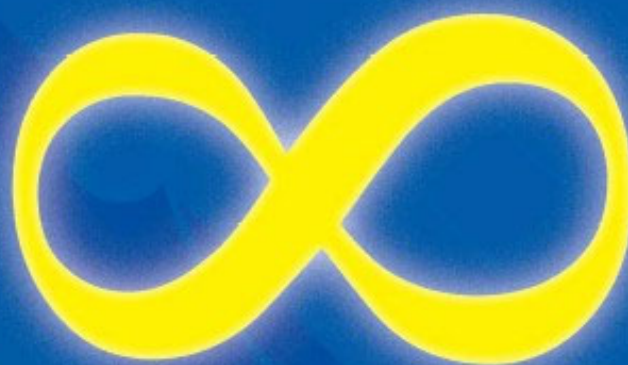


Comprehensive **AUTISM SUPPORT LEGISLATION**



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR FLORIDIANS WITH AUTISM
PROMOTES **EARLY DETECTION** AND **SPECIALIZED EDUCATION** PROGRAMS

SB 112 BY SENATOR GAYLE HARRELL

Increasing early detection, intervention, and support for children with autism and their families

Coordinated approach to research, training and public awareness

Statewide hub for research, services, and best practices

Expands Free Screening and Early Detection Opportunities

Expands the Cinotti Health Care Screening and Services Grant Program to include free screenings, referrals, and related services for autism.

Advances Early Steps Extended Option

Pursues federal approval to extend services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to cover children with developmental delays or disabilities in Early Steps until age 4.

Services include behavioral therapy and transition services, school readiness, pre-literacy, language, and math skills, among others.

Improves Coordination Through the UF Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment

Designates the Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment at UF as a coordinating hub for research, program administration, and best practices.



Creates Specialized Summer Programs for Students with Autism

Creates a grant program for specialized summer programs that provide structured, supportive environments for children with autism.

Increases School Choice for Options for Children with Autism

Creates a grant program for charter schools exclusively serving children with autism.

Develops Education Personnel Training Specific to Autism

Creates an autism micro-credential for instructional personnel to learn skills to support students with autism.