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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary
(HB 211; Work Order No. 28-LS0853\C)

TO: Representative Charisse Millett
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FROM: Dan Wayne 
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You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill. The bill itself is the best statement of its contents, which can be summarized as follows:

Sec. 1. would require the Department of Education and Early Development to report annually to the Mental Health Trust Authority regarding the progress of school districts toward the objective of AS 14.30.278(b), a new subsection that would be added by sec. 2 of the bill.

Sec. 2. would require that, when providing certain services to children with disabilities who are over 15 years of age, school districts make it their primary objective to help those children become gainfully employed in an integrated workplace.

Sec. 3. would require that, when providing certain services to an individual with a disability, the division of vocational rehabilitation's primary objective is to help that individual become gainfully employed in an integrated workplace. Sec. 3 would require the division to report annually to the Mental Health Trust Authority regarding the division's progress toward that primary objective.

Sec. 4. would require that, when administering the executive branch's internal equal employment opportunity program in relation to providing certain services to an individual who has a disability (and can reasonably be expected to benefit, in terms of employability, from vocational rehabilitation services), the Department of Administration's primary objective is to help that individual become gainfully employed in an integrated workplace. Also, sec. 4 states that the provisions in sec. 4 do not require the hiring of an individual with a disability.

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Sec. 5. would require that, when carrying out certain duties related to providing services to a person with a disability, the primary objective of the Department of Health and Social Services is to help that person become gainfully employed in the general workforce of the public or private sector, in an integrated workplace. Sec. 5 would require the department to report annually to the Mental Health Trust Authority regarding the department's progress toward that primary objective.

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