## HOUSE BILL 532

## Introduced by Gould, et al.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFIED SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT AND EXTENDED SERVICES PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND

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competitive employment and is in need of continuous or periodic job skill training on or off the site of employment.

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(2) [Sections 1 through 4] are effective July 1, 1989.

## APPROVED BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR & EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

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