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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee Representative Casello offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 119-253 and insert:

- 1. Who has a mental or cognitive disability that is not Alzheimer's disease or a dementia-related disorder; an intellectual disability or a developmental disability, as those terms are defined in s. 393.063; a brain injury; another physical, mental, or emotional disability that is not related to substance abuse; or a combination of any of these;
- 2. Whose disappearance indicates a credible threat of immediate danger or serious bodily harm to himself or herself, as determined by the local law enforcement agency;
- 3. Who cannot be returned to safety without law enforcement intervention; and

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- 4. Who does not meet the criteria for activation of a local Silver Alert or the Silver Alert Plan of the Department of Law Enforcement.
- (b) If a Purple Alert is determined to be necessary and appropriate, the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction must notify the media and subscribers in the jurisdiction or jurisdictions where the missing adult is believed to or may be located. The local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction may also request that the Purple Alert notification be broadcast on lottery terminals within the geographic regions where the missing adult may reasonably be, including, but not limited to, lottery terminals in gas stations, convenience stores, and supermarkets.
- (c) Under the Purple Alert, the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction may also request that a case be opened with the Department of Law Enforcement's Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse. To enhance local or regional efforts when the investigation indicates that an identifiable vehicle is involved, the clearinghouse must coordinate with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for the activation of dynamic message signs on state highways and the immediate distribution of critical information to the public regarding the missing adult in accordance with the alert.

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- (5) The Purple Alert process must include procedures to monitor the use, activation, and results of alerts and a strategy for informing and educating law enforcement, the media, and other stakeholders concerning the alert.
- (6) The Department of Law Enforcement may adopt rules to implement and administer this section.

Section 4. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (5) of section 937.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

937.021 Missing child and missing adult reports.-

(5)

(c) Upon receiving a request to record, report, transmit, display, or release Silver Alert or Purple Alert information from the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the missing adult, the Department of Law Enforcement as the state Silver Alert and Purple Alert coordinator, any state or local law enforcement agency, and the personnel of these agencies; any radio or television network, broadcaster, or other media representative; any dealer of communications services as defined in s. 202.11; or any agency, employee, individual, or entity is immune from civil liability for damages for complying in good faith with the request and is presumed to have acted in good faith in recording, reporting, transmitting, displaying, or releasing Silver Alert or Purple Alert information pertaining to the missing adult.

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- (d) The presumption of good faith is not overcome if a technical or clerical error is made by any agency, employee, individual, or entity acting at the request of the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, or if the Amber Alert, Missing Child Alert, missing child information, missing adult information, or Silver Alert or Purple Alert information is incomplete or incorrect because the information received from the local law enforcement agency was incomplete or incorrect.
- (e) Neither this subsection nor any other provision of law creates a duty of the agency, employee, individual, or entity to record, report, transmit, display, or release the Amber Alert, Missing Child Alert, missing child information, missing adult information, or Silver Alert or Purple Alert information received from the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. The decision to record, report, transmit, display, or release information is discretionary with the agency, employee, individual, or entity receiving the information.

Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 937.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

937.022 Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse.—

- (3) The clearinghouse shall:
- (b) Provide a centralized file for the exchange of information on missing endangered persons.

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- 1. Every state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency shall submit to the clearinghouse information concerning missing endangered persons.
- 2. Any person having knowledge may submit a missing endangered person report to the clearinghouse concerning a child or adult younger than 26 years of age whose whereabouts is unknown, regardless of the circumstances, subsequent to reporting such child or adult missing to the appropriate law enforcement agency within the county in which the child or adult became missing, and subsequent to entry by the law enforcement agency of the child or person into the Florida Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center databases. The missing endangered person report shall be included in the clearinghouse database.
- 3. Only the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the case may submit a missing endangered person report to the clearinghouse involving a missing adult age 26 years or older who is suspected by a law enforcement agency of being endangered or the victim of criminal activity.
- 4. Only the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the case may make a request to the clearinghouse for the activation of a state Silver Alert or a Purple Alert involving a missing adult if circumstances regarding the disappearance have met the criteria for activation of the Silver Alert Plan or the Purple Alert.

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118	TITLE AMENDMENT
119	Remove lines 45-46 and insert:
120	providing an appropriation;

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