

Committee on Education

CS/CS/HB 591 — Missing Persons

by PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Rep. Porter and others (CS/SB 1156 by Appropriations Committee and Senator Perry)

The bill expands “Project Leo” (project) statewide to all Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) that opt to join the project to aid search-and-rescue efforts for persons with special needs in case of elopement. Additionally, the bill:

- Makes each CARD program responsible for developing eligibility criteria for the selection of participants based on the specific needs of each center’s service area counties specified in law.
- Removes obsolete reporting requirements related to program implementation and operation.
- Extends the project from June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2019.

The bill removes the scheduled October 1, 2018 repeal of the citizen support organization for Florida Missing Children’s Day.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0