

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/CS/HB 233 — Deceased Individuals

by Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law, and Government Operations Subcommittee; Regulatory Reform and Economic Development Subcommittee; and Rep. Michael and others (CS/CS/SB 490 by Appropriations Committee; Commerce and Tourism Committee; and Senators Jones and Davis)

The bill requires that during the investigation of the death of a minor, the law enforcement agency that initiates or bears the primary responsibility for the investigation must provide the minor's next of kin with the contact information for the primary contact for investigation, the case number, a list of the minor's personal effects found on or with the minor and information on how the minor's next of kin can obtain those personal effects, and information regarding the status of the investigation.

The law enforcement agency is not required to provide any of the above information if doing so would jeopardize or otherwise interfere with an active investigation, or to provide investigative records generated during its investigation to a minor's next of kin.

The bill also prohibits any person that has been arrested for committing an act of domestic violence against the deceased or any act that resulted in or contributed to the death of the deceased from being awarded any legal benefit under the Florida Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services Act.

The act may be cited as "Curtis' Law."

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 115-0