

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Criminal Justice
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Hager offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Wes Kleinert Fair
 8 Interview Act."

9 Section 2. Section 943.0439, Florida Statutes, is created
 10 to read:

11 943.0439 Interviews of suspects or defendants with autism
 12 spectrum disorders.—

13 (1) As used in this section, the term:

14 (a) "Autism spectrum disorder" has the same meaning as
 15 provided in s. 627.6686.

16 (b) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as
 17 provided in s. 943.10.

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18 (c) "Qualified professional" means a mental health
19 counselor, a behavioral therapist, or a related professional
20 with professional experience teaching, treating, or caring for
21 patients or clients who have an autism spectrum disorder, or a
22 psychiatrist or psychologist.

23 (2) A qualified professional must be present to assist a
24 law enforcement officer, if practicable, during an interview of
25 an individual if:

26 (a) The individual is a suspect or defendant in a criminal
27 case;

28 (b) The individual has been diagnosed with an autism
29 spectrum disorder; and

30 (c) The law enforcement officer knows or should know that
31 the individual has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum
32 disorder.

33 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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36 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

37 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
38 An act relating to interviews of suspects or defendants with
39 autism spectrum disorders; creating the "Wes Kleinert Fair
40 Interview Act"; creating s. 943.0439, F.S.; providing
41 definitions; requiring a qualified professional to assist a law
42 enforcement officer during interviews in specified
43 circumstances; providing an effective date.