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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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11/19/2015	.	
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The Committee on Appropriations (Altman) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 19 - 52

and insert:

(2) There is created an additional pilot project in Broward and Palm Beach Counties to provide personal devices to aid search-and-rescue efforts for persons with special needs in the case of elopement.

(3) Participants for the pilot project in the counties specified in subsection (1) shall be selected based on criteria



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11 developed by the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at
12 the University of Florida. Participants for the pilot project
13 specified in subsection (2) shall be selected based on criteria
14 developed by the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at
15 Florida Atlantic University. Criteria for participation in the
16 pilot projects must include, at a minimum, the person's risk of
17 elopement. The qualifying participants shall be selected on a
18 first-come, first-served basis by the respective centers to the
19 extent of available funding within their existing resources. The
20 project must be voluntary and free of charge to participants.

21 (4) Under the pilot projects, personal devices to aid
22 search-and-rescue efforts which are attachable to clothing or
23 otherwise worn shall be provided by the centers to the sheriff's
24 offices of the participating counties. The devices shall be
25 distributed to project participants by the county sheriff's
26 offices in conjunction with the centers. The centers shall fund
27 any costs associated with monitoring the devices.

28 (5) The centers shall submit a preliminary report by
29 December 1, 2016, and a final report by December 15, 2017, to
30 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
31 the House of Representatives describing the implementation and
32 operation of the pilot projects. At a minimum, the report must
33 include the criteria used to select participants, the number of
34 participants, the nature of the participants' special needs, the
35 number of participants who elope, the amount of time taken to
36 rescue such participants following elopement, and the outcome of
37 any rescue attempts. The final report must also provide
38 recommendations for modification or continued implementation of
39 the projects.



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40 (6) The projects shall operate to the extent of available
41 funding within the respective centers' existing resources.

42 (7) This section expires June 30, 2018.

43 Section 2. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of
44 \$100,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the
45 Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the University of
46 Florida and the sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the General
47 Revenue Fund to the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities
48 at Florida Atlantic University for the purpose of implementing
49 this act.

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51 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete line 3

54 and insert:

55 creating s. 937.041, F.S.; creating pilot projects in