

Amendment No.

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Senate

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Representative Porter offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 14-64 and insert:

937.041 Missing persons with special needs pilot

projects.-

(1) (a) There is created a pilot project in Alachua, Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee Counties, to be known as "Project Leo," to provide personal devices to aid search-and-rescue efforts for persons with special needs in the case of elopement.

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

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15 elopement.

16 (c) There is created an additional pilot project in  
17 Hillsborough County to provide personal devices to aid search-  
18 and-rescue efforts for persons with special needs in the case of  
19 elopement.

20 (2) (a) 1. Participants for the pilot project specified in  
21 paragraph (1) (a) shall be selected based on criteria developed  
22 by the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the  
23 University of Florida.

24 2. Participants for the pilot project specified in  
25 paragraph (1) (b) shall be selected based on criteria developed  
26 by the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at Florida  
27 Atlantic University.

28 3. Participants for the pilot project specified in  
29 paragraph (1) (c) shall be selected based on criteria developed  
30 by the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the  
31 University of South Florida.

32 (b) Criteria for participation in the pilot projects must  
33 include, at a minimum, the person's risk of elopement. The  
34 qualifying participants shall be selected on a first-come,  
35 first-served basis by the respective centers to the extent of  
36 available funding within their existing resources. Each project  
37 must be voluntary and free of charge to participants.

38 (3) Under each pilot project, personal devices to aid  
39 search-and-rescue efforts which are attachable to clothing or  
40 otherwise worn shall be provided by the respective center to the

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41 sheriff's offices of the participating counties. The devices  
42 shall be distributed to project participants by the county  
43 sheriff's offices in conjunction with the respective center. The  
44 respective center shall fund any costs associated with  
45 monitoring the devices.

46 (4) Each center shall submit a preliminary report by  
47 December 1, 2016, and a final report by December 15, 2017, to  
48 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
49 the House of Representatives describing the implementation and  
50 operation of its pilot project. At a minimum, each report must  
51 include the criteria used to select participants, the number of  
52 participants, the nature of the participants' special needs, the  
53 number of participants who elope, the amount of time taken to  
54 rescue such participants following elopement, and the outcome of  
55 any rescue attempts. Each final report shall also provide  
56 recommendations for modification or continued implementation of  
57 the project.

58 (5) Each project shall operate to the extent of available  
59 funding within the respective center's existing resources.

60 (6) This section expires June 30, 2018.

61 Section 2. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of  
62 \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General  
63 Revenue Fund to the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities  
64 at the University of Florida, the sum of \$100,000 in  
65 nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund  
66 to the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at Florida

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67 Atlantic University, and the sum of \$100,000 in nonrecurring  
68 funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the  
69 Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the University of  
70 South Florida. The funds provided to each center shall be used  
71 for the purchase of personal devices to aid search-and-rescue  
72 efforts for persons with special needs in the case of elopement.

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Remove lines 6-8 and insert:

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needs; providing for administration of the projects;

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requiring reports; providing for expiration; providing

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appropriations; providing an effective date.

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