

26 ~~Hillsborough County to provide personal devices to aid search-~~
27 ~~and rescue efforts for persons with special needs in the case of~~
28 ~~elopement.~~

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

33 ~~2.~~ ~~Participants for the pilot project specified in~~
34 ~~paragraph (1)(b)~~ shall be selected based on criteria developed
35 by the ~~Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at Florida~~
36 ~~Atlantic University.~~

37 ~~3.~~ ~~Participants for the pilot project specified in~~
38 ~~paragraph (1)(c)~~ shall be selected based on criteria developed
39 by the ~~Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at the~~
40 ~~University of South Florida.~~

41 ~~(b)~~ Criteria for participation in the pilot project
42 ~~projects~~ must include, at a minimum, the person's risk of
43 elopement. The qualifying participants shall be selected on a
44 first-come, first-served basis by the respective centers to the
45 extent of available funding within their existing resources. The
46 ~~Each~~ project must be voluntary and free of charge to
47 participants.

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

51 sheriff's offices of the participating counties. The devices
52 shall be distributed to project participants by the county
53 sheriff's offices in conjunction with the respective center. The
54 respective center shall fund any costs associated with
55 monitoring the devices.

56 ~~(4) Each center shall submit a preliminary report by~~
57 ~~December 1, 2016, and a final report by December 15, 2017, to~~
58 ~~the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of~~
59 ~~the House of Representatives describing the implementation and~~
60 ~~operation of its pilot project. At a minimum, each report must~~
61 ~~include the criteria used to select participants, the number of~~
62 ~~participants, the nature of the participants' special needs, the~~
63 ~~number of participants who elope, the amount of time taken to~~
64 ~~rescue such participants following elopement, and the outcome of~~
65 ~~any rescue attempts. Each final report shall also provide~~
66 ~~recommendations for modification or continued implementation of~~
67 ~~the project.~~

68 (4)~~(5)~~ The ~~Each~~ project shall operate to the extent of
69 available funding within the respective center's existing
70 resources.

71 (5)~~(6)~~ This section expires June 30, 2019 ~~2018~~.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.