

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to developmental disabilities;  
 3           providing a short title; amending s. 393.063, F.S.;  
 4           revising the definition of the term "developmental  
 5           disability"; providing an effective date.

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 7   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9           Section 1. This act may be cited as "Lincoln's Law."

10           Section 2. Subsection (12) of section 393.063, Florida  
 11   Statutes, is amended to read:

12           393.063 Definitions.—For the purposes of this chapter, the  
 13   term:

14           (12) "Developmental disability" means a severe, chronic  
 15   disability of an individual that:

16           (a) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or  
 17   combination of mental and physical impairments.

18           (b) Is manifested before the individual attains 22 years  
 19   of age.

20           (c) Is likely to continue indefinitely.

21           (d) Results in substantial functional limitations in three  
 22   or more of the following areas of major life activity:

23           1. Self-care.

24           2. Receptive and expressive language.

25           3. Learning.

- 26        4. Mobility.
- 27        5. Self-direction.
- 28        6. Capacity for independent living.
- 29        7. Economic self-sufficiency.
- 30        (e) Reflects the individual's need for a combination and
- 31 sequence of special, interdisciplinary or generic services,
- 32 individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are
- 33 of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned
- 34 and coordinated.

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36 An individual from birth to age 9 years who has a substantial

37 developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition

38 may be considered to have a developmental disability without

39 meeting three or more of the criteria described in paragraphs

40 (a)-(e), if the individual, without services and supports, has a

41 high probability of meeting such criteria later in life ~~disorder~~

42 ~~or syndrome that is attributable to intellectual disability,~~

43 ~~cerebral palsy, autism, spina bifida, Down syndrome, Phelan-~~

44 ~~McDermid syndrome, or Prader-Willi syndrome; that manifests~~

45 ~~before the age of 18; and that constitutes a substantial~~

46 ~~handicap that can reasonably be expected to continue~~

47 ~~indefinitely.~~

48        Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.