

By Senator Cruz

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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 which:

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 of
19 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.

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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 which are
33 of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned
34 and coordinated.

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36 An individual from birth to 9 years of age 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.