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

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

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10 Section 1. This act may be cited as "Diana's Law."

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

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

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

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

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

21 (c) Is likely to continue indefinitely.

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

24 1. Self-care.

25 2. Receptive and expressive language.

26 3. Learning.

27 4. Mobility.

28 5. Self-direction.

29 6. Capacity for independent living.

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30 7. Economic self-sufficiency.

31 (e) Reflects the individual's need for a combination and
32 sequence of special, interdisciplinary or generic services,
33 individualized supports, or other forms of assistance which are
34 of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned
35 and coordinated.

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37 An individual from birth to age 9 years who has a substantial
38 developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition
39 may be considered to have a developmental disability without
40 meeting three or more of the criteria described in paragraphs
41 (a)-(e), if the individual, without services and supports, has a
42 high probability of meeting such criteria later in life ~~disorder~~
43 ~~or syndrome that is attributable to intellectual disability,~~
44 ~~cerebral palsy, autism, spina bifida, Down syndrome, Phelan-~~
45 ~~McDermid syndrome, or Prader-Willi syndrome; that manifests~~
46 ~~before the age of 18; and that constitutes a substantial~~
47 ~~handicap that can reasonably be expected to continue~~
48 ~~indefinitely.~~

49 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.