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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to resource information for
3 individuals with disabilities; amending s. 393.065,
4 F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with
5 Disabilities to provide specified written information
6 to persons applying for certain waiver services;
7 requiring the agency to provide a certain disclosure
8 statement along with such information; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 393.065,
14 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11), and a new
15 subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

16 393.065 Application and eligibility determination.—

17 (10) (a) Regardless of whether an applicant is eligible to
18 receive waiver services, the agency shall provide all of the
19 following information to the applicant or his or her parent,
20 legal guardian, or family member:

21 1. Eligibility criteria and application procedures for
22 receiving vocational rehabilitation services, including a
23 hyperlink or website address that provides direct access to the
24 applicable application for such services.

25 2. Eligibility criteria and application procedures for
26 participation in the Florida ABLE program under s. 1009.986,
27 including a hyperlink or website address that provides direct
28 access to the application for establishing an ABLE account as
29 defined in s. 1009.986(2).

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30 3. Eligibility criteria and application procedures for
31 receiving supplemental security income benefits and social
32 security disability income benefits under Title XVI of the
33 Social Security Act, as amended, including a hyperlink or
34 website address that provides direct access to the applicable
35 application for such benefits.

36 4. For an applicant who is 22 years of age or younger,
37 contact information for the local school district for enrollment
38 in school.

39 5. For an applicant who is between 16 and 22 years of age,
40 eligibility criteria and application procedures for transition
41 programs and services available in local schools, including
42 access to job coaches providing transition services to students
43 with disabilities who are enrolled in such programs.

44 6. For an applicant who is 22 years of age or older,
45 eligibility criteria and application procedures for all of the
46 following:

47 a. Private-pay adult day training programs located in the
48 applicable service area.

49 b. Postsecondary and vocational training programs funded
50 through the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities
51 established under s. 1004.6495(5).

52 c. Any other programs that may be funded through the
53 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or the Division of Blind
54 Services of the Department of Education which may be of
55 assistance to the applicant.

56 7. Eligibility criteria and application procedures for
57 guardianship programs for individuals with disabilities.

58 8. A list of available independent living skills coaches,

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59 job coaches, and personal supports located in the applicable
60 service area which may be obtained through private pay.

61 (b) The agency must provide the information required in
62 paragraph (a) in writing to an applicant or his or her parent,
63 legal guardian, or family member along with a written disclosure
64 statement in substantially the following form:

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66 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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68 Each program and service has its own eligibility requirements.
69 By providing the information specified in Section
70 393.065(10)(a), Florida Statutes, the agency does not guarantee
71 an applicant's eligibility for or enrollment in any program or
72 service.

73 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.