

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
Senator Taddeo

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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) The agency shall provide the following information
18 to all applicants or their parents, legal guardians, or family
19 members:

20 1. A brief overview of the vocational rehabilitation
21 services offered through the Division of Vocational
22 Rehabilitation of the Department of Education, including a
23 hyperlink or website address that provides access to the
24 application for such services;

25 2. A brief overview of the Florida ABLE program as
26 established under s. 1009.986, including a hyperlink or website
27 address that provides access to the application for establishing
28 an ABLE account as defined in s. 1009.986(2);

29 3. A brief overview of the supplemental security income

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30 benefits and social security disability income benefits
31 available under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as
32 amended, including a hyperlink or website address that provides
33 access to the application for such benefits;

34 4. A statement indicating that the applicant's local public
35 school district may provide specialized instructional services,
36 including transition programs, for students with special
37 education needs;

38 5. A brief overview of programs and services funded through
39 the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities, including
40 contact information for each state-approved Florida
41 Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program;

42 6. A brief overview of decisionmaking options for
43 individuals with disabilities, guardianship under chapter 744,
44 and alternatives to guardianship as defined in s. 744.334(1),
45 which may include contact information for organizations that the
46 agency believes would be helpful in assisting with such
47 decisions;

48 7. A brief overview of the referral tools made available
49 through the agency, including a hyperlink or website address
50 that provides access to such tools; and

51 8. A statement indicating that some waiver providers may
52 serve private-pay individuals.

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

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58 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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60 Each program and service has its own eligibility requirements.61 By providing the information specified in Section62 393.065(10)(a), Florida Statutes, the agency does not guarantee63 an applicant's eligibility for or enrollment in any program or64 service.

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