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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to The Special Persons Registry;
providing a short title; creating s. 402.88, F.S.;
authorizing local law enforcement agencies to develop
and maintain a database, to be known as the "The
Special Persons Registry," for a specified purpose;
providing for enrollment in and removal from the
registry; specifying information the registry may
include; authorizing local law enforcement agencies to
provide relevant information from the registry to law
enforcement officers under certain circumstances;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Protect Our Loved
Ones Act."

Section 2. Section 402.88, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

402.88 Special Persons Registry in interactions with law
enforcement.-

(1) (a) A local law enforcement agency may develop and
maintain a database, to be known as "The Special Persons
Registry," listing persons who have developmental,
psychological, or other disabilities or conditions that may be
relevant to their interactions with law enforcement officers.
Persons with any type of confirmed developmental, psychological,



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28 or other disability or condition, including, but not limited to,
29 autism spectrum disorder, Alzheimer's disease or a dementia-
30 related disorder, bipolar disorder, or Down syndrome, may be
31 enrolled in the registry. The confirmation of the disability or
32 condition must be certified by a physician or physician
33 assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or an
34 advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 464.
35 In the case of psychological conditions, the confirmation of the
36 condition must be certified by a psychologist licensed under
37 chapter 490, a mental health counselor licensed under chapter
38 491, or a psychiatrist as defined in s. 394.455. An adult with a
39 disability may enroll himself or herself in the registry. If a
40 person with a disability has been declared incapacitated under
41 chapter 744, a parent or legal guardian of the person may enroll
42 him or her in the registry.

43 (b) A minor with a disability may be enrolled in the
44 registry by his or her parent or legal guardian. An adult
45 enrolled by another person must be notified of that enrollment
46 by the local law enforcement agency in writing at his or her
47 address of record within 5 business days after enrollment in the
48 registry. A minor who was enrolled by another person must be
49 notified by the agency in writing of that enrollment at his or
50 her address of record within 5 business days after his or her
51 18th birthday.

52 (c) A registration is valid until the person is removed
53 from the registry. A minor or an incapacitated adult may be
54 removed from the registry by the minor's parent or legal
55 guardian or the adult's legal guardian, respectively. A
56 competent person who has reached 18 years of age may also choose



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57 to have his or her name removed from the registry. Upon a verbal
58 or written request for removal of a person from the registry,
59 the local law enforcement agency must remove the person's
60 information from the registry within 5 business days after the
61 request is made.

62 (2) The registry may include, but need not be limited to,
63 any of the following information:

64 (a) The listed person's name, contact information, personal
65 identifying information, and disability or condition that may be
66 relevant to interactions with law enforcement officers.

67 (b) If a person did not enroll himself or herself, the
68 name, contact information, and personal identifying information
69 of the person who enrolled the listed person in the registry.

70 (c) Any additional information provided, including the
71 certification of the condition or disability.

72 (3) The local law enforcement agency may provide relevant
73 information from the registry to a law enforcement officer
74 engaged in his or her official duties.

75 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.