

By Senator Brodeur

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the registry of persons with
3 special needs; providing a short title; creating s.
4 402.88, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with
5 Disabilities to develop and maintain a database, to be
6 known as the Registry of Persons with Special Needs,
7 for a specified purpose; providing for enrollment in
8 the registry; specifying information the registry may
9 include; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement
10 to provide relevant information from the registry to
11 law enforcement officers upon request through a
12 specified system; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

20 402.88 Registry of persons with special needs in law
21 enforcement interactions.-

22 (1) The Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall develop
23 and maintain a database, to be known as the "Registry of Persons
24 with Special Needs," of persons who may have developmental,
25 psychological, or other disabilities or conditions that may be
26 relevant to their interactions with law enforcement officers.
27 Parents, guardians, and caregivers may enroll in the registry a
28 person of any age with any type of developmental, psychological,
29 or other disability or condition, including, but not limited to,

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30 autism spectrum disorder, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, bipolar
31 disorder, and Down syndrome. Persons may also enroll themselves
32 if they are 18 years of age or older. The registry may include,
33 but need not be limited to, any of the following information:

34 (a) An enrollee's name, contact information, personal
35 identifying information, and disability or condition that may be
36 relevant to interactions with law enforcement officers.

37 (b) If a person did not enroll themselves, the name,
38 contact information, and personal identifying information of the
39 parent, guardian, or caregiver who enrolled the person in the
40 registry.

41 (c) Any additional information provided by an enrollee or
42 an enrollee's parent, guardian, or caregiver.

43 (d) Any information requested by the Agency for Persons
44 with Disabilities or the Department of Law Enforcement or
45 otherwise held by a law enforcement agency, a county emergency
46 management agency, or a local fire department for the purpose of
47 assisting law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel,
48 or fire personnel in responding to a call for service.

49 (2) The Department of Law Enforcement shall provide
50 information from the registry to law enforcement officers to
51 assist officers in the performance of their official duties. The
52 registry shall provide such relevant information to a law
53 enforcement officer engaged in his or her official duties upon
54 an officer's request made through the Florida Crime Information
55 Center.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.