

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to missing persons; amending s.
 3 937.021, F.S.; revising provisions concerning missing
 4 children and adults to include references to the
 5 National Missing and Unidentified Persons System;
 6 providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsections
 11 (2) and (4) of section 937.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to
 12 read:

13 937.021 Missing child and missing adult reports.—

14 (1) Law enforcement agencies in this state shall adopt
 15 written policies that specify the procedures to be used to
 16 investigate reports of missing children and missing adults. The
 17 policies must ensure that cases involving missing children and
 18 adults are investigated promptly using appropriate resources.
 19 The policies must include:

20 (c) Standards for maintaining and clearing computer data
 21 of information concerning a missing child or missing adult which
 22 is stored in the Florida Crime Information Center, ~~and~~ the
 23 National Crime Information Center, and the National Missing and
 24 Unidentified Persons System. The standards must require, at a
 25 minimum, a monthly review of each case and a determination of

26 | whether the case should be maintained in the database.

27 | (2) An entry concerning a missing child or missing adult
 28 | may not be removed from the Florida Crime Information Center, ~~or~~
 29 | the National Crime Information Center, or the National Missing
 30 | and Unidentified Persons System databases based solely on the
 31 | age of the missing child or missing adult.

32 | (4)(a) Upon the filing of a police report that a child is
 33 | missing by the parent or guardian, the Department of Children
 34 | and Families, a community-based care provider, or a sheriff's
 35 | office providing investigative services for the department, the
 36 | law enforcement agency receiving the report shall immediately
 37 | inform all on-duty law enforcement officers of the missing child
 38 | report, communicate the report to every other law enforcement
 39 | agency having jurisdiction in the county, and within 2 hours
 40 | after receipt of the report, transmit the report for inclusion
 41 | within the Florida Crime Information Center, ~~and~~ the National
 42 | Crime Information Center, and the National Missing and
 43 | Unidentified Persons System databases. A law enforcement agency
 44 | may not require a reporter to present an order that a child be
 45 | taken into custody or any other such order before accepting a
 46 | report that a child is missing.

47 | (b) Upon the filing of a credible police report that an
 48 | adult is missing, the law enforcement agency receiving the
 49 | report shall, within 2 hours after receipt of the report,
 50 | transmit the report for inclusion within the Florida Crime

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51 | Information Center, ~~and~~ the National Crime Information Center
52 | databases, and the National Missing and Unidentified Persons
53 | System.

54 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.