

By Senator Simon

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to missing child identification;  
3       creating s. 937.032, F.S.; defining terms; creating  
4       the Missing Child Identification Program to be  
5       administered by the Attorney General; providing the  
6       purpose of the program; authorizing the Attorney  
7       General to use available appropriations to administer  
8       the program; requiring the Attorney General, or a  
9       specified entity if directed by the Attorney General,  
10      to provide the Department of Education with  
11      identification kits; requiring the department to  
12      distribute the identification kits to all students  
13      enrolled in grade 1; requiring certain coordination  
14      between the department and the Attorney General;  
15      requiring each public and charter school to distribute  
16      an identification kit to a parent or person who has  
17      legal custody of a child enrolled in grade 1, upon  
18      request; providing that a parent or person who has  
19      legal custody of a child may use and retain custody of  
20      the kit and may submit it to certain law enforcement  
21      agencies if the child is reported missing; authorizing  
22      the Attorney General to adopt rules; providing an  
23      effective date.

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

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27       Section 1. Section 937.032, Florida Statutes, is created to  
28 read:

29       937.032 Missing Child Identification Program.—

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30 (1) As used in this section, the term:

31 (a) "Department" means the Department of Education.

32 (b) "Identification kit" means a fingerprint and DNA  
33 identification kit that may be used to collect and store  
34 fingerprint and DNA information.

35 (c) "Legal custody" has the same meaning as in s. 39.01.

36 (d) "Parent" has the same meaning as in s. 39.01.

37 (e) "Program" means the Missing Child Identification  
38 Program created in this section.

39 (2) (a) There is created the Missing Child Identification  
40 Program to be administered by the Attorney General.

41 (b) The purpose of the program is to provide an  
42 identification kit to a parent or person who has legal custody  
43 of a child which such parent or person may use to collect and  
44 store the child's fingerprint and DNA information for potential  
45 use by a federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement agency  
46 if the child is later reported as missing.

47 (c) If the Legislature does not appropriate funds  
48 specifically for the program, the Attorney General may  
49 administer the program using other available funds.

50 (3) (a) The Attorney General or, if directed by the Attorney  
51 General to do so, a supplier of identification kits shall  
52 provide the department with identification kits to be  
53 distributed to all students enrolled in grade 1.

54 (b) The department shall coordinate with the Attorney  
55 General to determine how many identification kits are needed  
56 each year.

57 (4) Each public school and charter school shall distribute  
58 an identification kit to the parent or person who has legal

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59 custody of a child enrolled in grade 1, upon request of such  
60 parent or person.

61 (5) The parent or person who has legal custody may use and  
62 retain custody of the kit and may submit it to a federal, state,  
63 tribal, or local law enforcement agency to help locate the child  
64 in the event that he or she is reported missing.

65 (6) The Attorney General may adopt rules to implement this  
66 section.

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