

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the next of kin of deceased minors;  
3           providing a short title; amending s. 960.001, F.S.;  
4           defining the term "next of kin"; requiring law  
5           enforcement agencies to provide certain information  
6           during the investigation of the death of a minor;  
7           providing an exception; providing construction;  
8           providing an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. This act may be cited as "Curtis' Law."

13           Section 2. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (1) of  
14   section 960.001, Florida Statutes, to read:

15           960.001 Guidelines for fair treatment of victims and  
16   witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems.—

17           (1) The Department of Legal Affairs, the state attorneys,  
18   the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile  
19   Justice, the Florida Commission on Offender Review, the State  
20   Courts Administrator and circuit court administrators, the  
21   Department of Law Enforcement, and every sheriff's department,  
22   police department, or other law enforcement agency as defined in  
23   s. 943.10(4) shall develop and implement guidelines for the use  
24   of their respective agencies, which guidelines are consistent  
25   with the purposes of this act and s. 16(b), Art. I of the State

26 Constitution and are designed to implement s. 16(b), Art. I of  
27 the State Constitution and to achieve the following objectives:

28 (v) Information concerning an investigation into the death  
29 of a minor.—

30 1. For purposes of this paragraph, "next of kin" includes  
31 "family," "guardian," "next of kin," and "parent" as those terms  
32 are defined in s. 39.01.

33 2. During the investigation of the death of a minor, the  
34 law enforcement agency that initiates or bears the primary  
35 responsibility for the investigation must provide the minor's  
36 next of kin with all of the following information:

37 a. The contact information for the primary contact, if  
38 known, for the particular investigation, and if more than one  
39 law enforcement agency is involved in the investigation, the  
40 contact information for at least one of the secondary law  
41 enforcement agencies involved in the investigation.

42 b. The case number for the investigation, if applicable.

43 c. A list of the minor's personal effects that were found  
44 on or with the minor and information on how the minor's next of  
45 kin can collect such personal effects. A law enforcement agency  
46 may withhold the information in this sub-subparagraph if  
47 providing the information would jeopardize or otherwise  
48 interfere with an active investigation.

49 d. Information regarding the status of the investigation,  
50 at the discretion of the law enforcement agency.

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51        3. This paragraph does not require a law enforcement  
52 agency to provide any of the information under this paragraph if  
53 doing so would jeopardize or otherwise interfere with an active  
54 investigation.

55        4. This paragraph does not require a law enforcement  
56 agency to provide investigative records generated during its  
57 investigation to a minor's next of kin for inspection.

58        Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.