

By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Senator Yarborough

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a feasibility study relating to a statewide pawn data database; defining terms; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of a statewide pawn data database; specifying requirements for such database; requiring the department to report the results of the study to the Legislature by a specified date; providing for repeal; subject to and consistent with funds appropriated from the General Appropriations Act, requiring the department to complete the feasibility study; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Statewide pawn data database feasibility study.-

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

(a) "Department" means the Department of Law Enforcement.

(b) "Pawn data" means information related to the transactions of secondhand dealers and secondary metals recyclers, including pawn shops, which is required by chapters 538 and 539, Florida Statutes, to be reported electronically to law enforcement officials. The term includes, but is not limited to, descriptions of property, seller information, transaction dates, and any other data related to the exchange of goods.

(2) The department shall conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of a statewide pawn data database which, at a minimum, must:

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30 (a) Allow law enforcement agencies in all counties in this
31 state to access, update, and share pawn data in real-time.

32 (b) Be provided free of charge to all law enforcement
33 agencies in this state.

34 (c) Be interoperable with different law enforcement
35 databases, software solutions, and jurisdictions and meet
36 established data standards to facilitate seamless communication
37 between law enforcement agencies.

38 (d) Ensure compliance with applicable privacy and security
39 laws.

40 (3) By January 1, 2026, the department shall report to the
41 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives the results of the feasibility study.

43 (4) This section is repealed upon submission of the report
44 required under subsection (3).

45 Section 2. As authorized by and consistent with funding
46 specifically appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, the
47 Department of Law Enforcement shall complete the feasibility
48 study required by section 1 of this act.

49 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.