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

17 Section 1. Section 381.993, Florida Statutes, is created to
18 read:

381.993 Developmental delays; autism spectrum disorder;
detection.—

21 (1) The Department of Health, in collaboration with school
22 districts throughout this state, shall develop informational
23 materials for the detection of developmental delays and autism
24 spectrum disorder for parents and guardians of students. The
25 informational materials must be made available to each learning
26 coalition, prekindergarten provider, school district, and
27 charter school through the department's website.

28 (2) Within 90 days after July 1, 2026, the department shall
29 develop the materials related to the detection of developmental

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30 delays and autism spectrum disorder and post the information on
31 its website. The department shall develop a standardized
32 methodology for each learning coalition, prekindergarten
33 provider, school district, and charter school for the
34 notification of the parents or guardians of voluntary
35 prekindergarten, kindergarten, first grade, and second grade
36 students by September 30, 2026, and annually thereafter, of the
37 availability of the developmental delay and autism spectrum
38 disorder detection materials.

39 (3) Information provided to parents and guardians must
40 include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

41 (a) A description of developmental delays and a description
42 of autism spectrum disorder.

43 (b) A description of the signs associated with
44 developmental delays and autism spectrum disorder.

45 (c) A recommendation for a developmental screening for
46 students displaying signs associated with developmental delays
47 and autism spectrum disorder.

48 (d) Existing state resources for students identified as at
49 risk for developmental delays and autism spectrum disorder,
50 including, but not limited to, regional sites of the Center for
51 Autism and Related Disabilities and the Early Head Start
52 program.

53 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 1002.53, Florida
54 Statutes, is amended to read:

55 1002.53 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program;
56 eligibility and enrollment.—

57 (5) The early learning coalition shall provide each parent
58 enrolling a child in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education

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59 Program with a profile of every private prekindergarten provider
60 and public school delivering the program within the county where
61 the child is being enrolled. The profiles must ~~shall~~ be provided
62 to parents in a format prescribed by the department in
63 accordance with s. 1002.92(3). The early learning coalition
64 ~~shall~~ must also annually notify parents and guardians of the
65 availability of informational materials for the early detection
66 of Type 1 diabetes pursuant to s. 381.992 and for the detection
67 of developmental delays and autism spectrum disorder pursuant to
68 s. 381.993.

69 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.