

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and  
Senator Brodeur

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Special Persons Registry;  
3           providing a short title; creating s. 402.88, F.S.;  
4           requiring the Department of Health to develop and  
5           maintain a database, to be known as the "Special  
6           Persons Registry," for a specified purpose; providing  
7           for enrollment in the registry; specifying information  
8           the registry may include; requiring the Department of  
9           Law Enforcement to provide relevant information from  
10          the registry to law enforcement officers upon request  
11          through a specified system; providing an effective  
12          date.

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

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16           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Protect Our Loved  
17 Ones Act."

18           Section 2. Section 402.88, Florida Statutes, is created to  
19 read:

20           402.88 Special Persons Registry for interactions with law  
21 enforcement.-

22           (1) The Department of Health shall develop and maintain a  
23 database, to be known as the "Special Persons Registry," of  
24 persons who may have developmental, psychological, or other  
25 disabilities or conditions that may be relevant to their  
26 interactions with law enforcement officers. Parents, guardians,  
27 and caregivers may enroll in the registry a person of any age  
28 with any type of developmental, psychological, or other  
29 disability or condition, including, but not limited to, autism

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30 spectrum disorder, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, bipolar  
31 disorder, and Down syndrome. Persons may also enroll themselves  
32 if they are 18 years of age or older. The registry may include,  
33 but need not be limited to, any of the following information:

34 (a) An enrollee's name, contact information, personal  
35 identifying information, and disability or condition that may be  
36 relevant to interactions with law enforcement officers.

37 (b) If a person did not enroll themselves, the name,  
38 contact information, and personal identifying information of the  
39 parent, guardian, or caregiver who enrolled the person in the  
40 registry.

41 (c) Any additional information provided by an enrollee or  
42 an enrollee's parent, guardian, or caregiver.

43 (d) Any information requested by the Department of Health  
44 or the Department of Law Enforcement or otherwise held by a law  
45 enforcement agency, a county emergency management agency, or a  
46 local fire department for the purpose of assisting law  
47 enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, or fire  
48 personnel in responding to a call for service.

49 (2) The Department of Law Enforcement shall provide  
50 information from the registry to law enforcement officers to  
51 assist officers in the performance of their official duties. The  
52 registry shall provide such relevant information to a law  
53 enforcement officer engaged in his or her official duties upon  
54 an officer's request made through the Florida Crime Information  
55 Center.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect March 1, 2023.