

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Jones

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

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

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

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

14 960.001 Guidelines for fair treatment of victims and
15 witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems.-

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

27 (v) Information concerning an investigation into the death
28 of a minor.-

29 1. During the investigation of the death of a minor, the

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30 law enforcement agency that initiates or bears the primary
31 responsibility for the investigation must provide the minor's
32 next of kin with all of the following information:

33 a. The contact information for the primary contact, if
34 known, for the particular investigation, as well as the contact
35 information for each law enforcement agency involved in the
36 investigation.

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

38 c. A list of the minor's personal effects that were found
39 on or with the minor and information on how the minor's next of
40 kin can collect such personal effects.

41 d. Information regarding the status of the investigation,
42 at the discretion of the law enforcement agency.

43 2. A law enforcement agency may not provide any of the
44 information under this paragraph if doing so would jeopardize or
45 otherwise interfere with an active investigation.

46 3. This paragraph does not require a law enforcement agency
47 to provide investigative records generated during its
48 investigation to a minor's next of kin for inspection.

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