

By Senator Rouson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transparency for autism-related
3 services; amending s. 393.063, F.S.; providing a
4 definition for the term "manifests" or "onset";
5 amending s. 393.065, F.S.; requiring the Agency for
6 Persons with Disabilities or its designee to provide
7 specified information when notifying an applicant of
8 his or her eligibility determination; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Present subsections (26) through (46) of section
14 393.063, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (27)
15 through (47), respectively, and a new subsection (26) is added
16 to that section, to read:

17 393.063 Definitions.—For the purposes of this chapter, the
18 term:

19 (26) "Manifests" or "onset" means the display or disclosure
20 of characteristic signs or symptoms of an illness.

21 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 393.065, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 393.065 Application and eligibility determination.—

24 (3) The agency or its designee shall notify each applicant,
25 in writing, of its individualized eligibility determination,
26 including any specific criteria the applicant has not met from
27 the agency's eligibility criteria described in rule 65G-4.0215,
28 Florida Administrative Code. Any applicant or client determined
29 by the agency to be ineligible for services has the right to

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30 appeal this determination pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.