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

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transparency for autism-related services; amending s. 393.065, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities or its designee to provide specified information when notifying an applicant of his or her eligibility determination; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 393.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

393.065 Application and eligibility determination.-

(3) The agency or its designee shall notify each applicant, in writing, of its <u>individualized</u> eligibility determination, <u>including any specific criteria the applicant has not met from the agency's eligibility criteria as described in rule. Any applicant or client determined by the agency to be ineligible for services has the right to appeal this determination pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57.</u>

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.