

**By** the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice;  
the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Book, Polsky, and  
Yarborough

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Hope Cards for persons issued  
3           orders of protection; creating s. 741.311, F.S.;  
4           requiring the Florida Association of Court Clerks,  
5           Inc., to develop the Hope Card Program; authorizing  
6           the association to consult with specified entities to  
7           develop and implement the program; authorizing the  
8           association to seek federal grants and private  
9           donations to defray the cost of the program;  
10          authorizing certain persons to apply for a Hope Card  
11          after a specified date; requiring the association to  
12          develop a uniform application for use by the clerks of  
13          the circuit court; requiring that applications for a  
14          Hope Card be available online and in clerks' offices;  
15          requiring the clerk of the circuit court, within a  
16          specified timeframe after receipt of an application,  
17          to either create the Hope Card or electronically  
18          transmit the application to the association for  
19          creation of the card; requiring that the delivery or  
20          mailing of the Hope Card be within a specified  
21          timeframe; prohibiting the assessment of a fee to a  
22          Hope Card applicant; providing requirements for the  
23          Hope Card; amending s. 741.315, F.S.; authorizing a  
24          person protected by an injunction for protection  
25          issued by a court of a foreign state to apply for and  
26          receive a Hope Card even if the person does not  
27          register the order for protection in this state;  
28          amending ss. 741.30, 784.046, 784.0485, and 825.1035,  
29          F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the

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30 act; providing an effective date.

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

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34 Section 1. Section 741.311, Florida Statutes, is created to  
35 read:

36 741.311 Hope Card Program for persons issued orders of  
37 protection.-

38 (1) The Florida Association of Court Clerks, Inc., shall  
39 develop the Hope Card Program, which provides for the issuance  
40 of a Hope Card to any person who has been issued an order of  
41 protection by a circuit court in this state, or by a court of a  
42 foreign state pursuant to s. 741.315. The Florida Association of  
43 Court Clerks, Inc., may consult with the Office of the State  
44 Courts Administrator, the Attorney General, the Department of  
45 Children and Families, and other interested agencies and private  
46 entities to develop and implement the program. The association  
47 may seek federal grants and private donations to defray the cost  
48 of the program.

49 (2) Beginning July 1, 2024, a person who has been issued a  
50 final judgment on injunction for protection under s. 741.30, s.  
51 784.046, s. 784.0485, or s. 825.1035 may apply for a Hope Card  
52 with the clerk of the court of the circuit where the petition  
53 for an injunction for protection was initially filed. A person  
54 protected by a foreign protection order under s. 741.315 may  
55 submit an application for a Hope Card to any clerk of the court  
56 in this state. A person may apply for a Hope Card at the time  
57 the final judgment on injunction for protection is issued or at  
58 any other time before the expiration of the order of protection.

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59       (3) The Florida Association of Court Clerks, Inc., shall  
60 develop a uniform application for use by the clerks of the  
61 circuit court. Hope Card applications must be available on the  
62 website of each clerk of the circuit court, and paper  
63 applications must also be available at the clerk's office.

64       (4) Not later than the end of the next business day after  
65 receipt of an application, the clerk of the circuit court shall  
66 either create the Hope Card or electronically transmit the  
67 application to the Florida Association of Court Clerks, Inc.,  
68 for creation of the Hope Card. The Hope Card must be delivered  
69 to the petitioner or deposited in the mail not later than the  
70 end of the next business day after the card is created.

71       (5) The Florida Association of Court Clerks, Inc., or a  
72 clerk of the circuit court, may not assess a fee to the  
73 applicant for the issuance of a Hope Card.

74       (6) A Hope Card issued under the program may be digital or  
75 a durable, laminated card, 3.375 inches wide by 2.125 inches  
76 high, and must contain all of the following information:

77       (a) The respondent's name, date of birth, height, weight,  
78 sex, race, eye color, hair color, and any other distinguishing  
79 features or characteristics of the respondent.

80       (b) The petitioner's name and date of birth and the names  
81 and dates of birth of any minor children protected under the  
82 order.

83       (c) The name and date of birth, if applicable, of any other  
84 person or animal protected under the order.

85       (d) The telephone number for the statewide domestic  
86 violence hotline.

87       (e) Pertinent information about the order of protection,

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88 including, but not limited to, the issuing court; the case  
89 number; the date the order of protection was issued; the  
90 expiration date, if any, of the order of protection; the  
91 locations from which the respondent is restrained; and any other  
92 relevant details of the order.

93 Section 2. Present subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section  
94 741.315, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5),  
95 (6), and (7), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to  
96 that section, to read:

97 741.315 Recognition of foreign protection orders.—

98 (4) A person protected by an injunction for protection  
99 issued by a court of a foreign state may apply for a Hope Card  
100 under s. 741.311, as if the order of protection was issued by a  
101 Florida court. Failure to register a foreign order does not  
102 preclude a protected person from applying and receiving a Hope  
103 Card.

104 Section 3. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (8) of  
105 section 741.30, Florida Statutes, to read:

106 741.30 Domestic violence; injunction; powers and duties of  
107 court and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary  
108 injunction; issuance of injunction; statewide verification  
109 system; enforcement; public records exemption.—

110 (8)

111 (d) The petitioner may apply for a Hope Card under s.  
112 741.311 after the court has issued a final order of protection.

113 Section 4. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (8) of  
114 section 784.046, Florida Statutes, to read:

115 784.046 Action by victim of repeat violence, sexual  
116 violence, or dating violence for protective injunction; dating

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117 violence investigations, notice to victims, and reporting;  
118 pretrial release violations; public records exemption.—

119 (8)

120 (d) The petitioner may apply for a Hope Card under s.  
121 741.311 after the court has issued a final order of protection.

122 Section 5. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (8) of  
123 section 784.0485, Florida Statutes, to read:

124 784.0485 Stalking; injunction; powers and duties of court  
125 and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary injunction;  
126 issuance of injunction; statewide verification system;  
127 enforcement.—

128 (8)

129 (c) The petitioner may apply for a Hope Card under s.  
130 741.311 after the court has issued a final order of protection.

131 Section 6. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (10) of  
132 section 825.1035, Florida Statutes, to read:

133 825.1035 Injunction for protection against exploitation of  
134 a vulnerable adult.—

135 (10) TRANSMITTAL TO SHERIFF; SERVICE; HOPE CARD.—

136 (c) The petitioner may apply for a Hope Card under s.  
137 741.311 after the court has issued a final order of protection.

138 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.