

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to resource information for
 3 individuals with disabilities; amending s. 393.065,
 4 F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with
 5 Disabilities to provide specified written information
 6 to persons applying for certain waiver services;
 7 requiring the agency to provide a certain disclosure
 8 statement along with such information; requiring the
 9 agency to publish such information and statement on
 10 its website and provide such information and statement
 11 to certain persons annually; 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. Subsection (10) of section 393.065, Florida
 17 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), and a new subsection
 18 (10) is added to that section to read:

19 393.065 Application and eligibility determination.—

20 (10) (a) The agency shall provide the following information
 21 to all applicants or their parents, legal guardians, or family
 22 members:

23 1. A brief overview of the vocational rehabilitation
 24 services offered through the Division of Vocational
 25 Rehabilitation of the Department of Education, including a

26 | hyperlink or website address that provides access to the
27 | application for such services.

28 | 2. A brief overview of the Florida ABLÉ program
29 | established under s. 1009.986, including a hyperlink or website
30 | address that provides access to the application for establishing
31 | an ABLÉ account as defined in s. 1009.986(2).

32 | 3. A brief overview of the supplemental security income
33 | benefits and social security disability income benefits
34 | available under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as
35 | amended, including a hyperlink or website address that provides
36 | access to the application for such benefits.

37 | 4. A statement indicating that the applicant's local
38 | public school district may provide specialized instructional
39 | services, including transition programs, for students with
40 | special education needs.

41 | 5. A brief overview of programs and services funded
42 | through the Center for Students with Unique Abilities, including
43 | contact information for each state-approved Florida
44 | Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program.

45 | 6. A brief overview of decisionmaking options for
46 | individuals with disabilities, guardianship under chapter 744,
47 | and alternatives to guardianship as defined in s. 744.334(1),
48 | which may include contact information for organizations that the
49 | agency believes would be helpful in assisting with such
50 | decisions.

51 7. A brief overview of the referral tools made available
52 through the agency, including a hyperlink or website address
53 that provides access to such tools.

54 8. A statement indicating that some waiver providers may
55 serve private-pay individuals.

56 (b) The agency must provide the information required in
57 paragraph (a) in writing to an applicant or the applicant's
58 parent, legal guardian, or family member along with a written
59 disclosure statement in substantially the following form:

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61 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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63 Each program and service has its own eligibility requirements.
64 By providing the information specified in s. 393.065(10)(a), the
65 agency does not guarantee an applicant's eligibility for or
66 enrollment in any program or service.

67 (c) The agency shall also publish the information required
68 in paragraph (a) and the disclosure statement in paragraph (b)
69 on its website, and shall provide that information and statement
70 annually to each applicant placed on the waiting list or the
71 parent, legal guardian, or family member of such applicant.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.