

## CHAPTER 2021-100

### Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 714

An act relating to resource information for individuals with disabilities; amending s. 393.065, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to provide specified information to persons applying for certain waiver services; requiring the agency to provide a certain disclosure statement along with such information; requiring the agency to publish such information and statement on its website and provide such information and statement to certain persons annually; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 393.065, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11), and a new subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

393.065 Application and eligibility determination.—

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

1. A brief overview of the vocational rehabilitation services offered through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Education, including a hyperlink or website address that provides access to the application for such services;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Each program and service has its own eligibility requirements. By providing the information specified in section 393.065(10)(a), Florida Statutes, the agency does not guarantee an applicant’s eligibility for or enrollment in any program or service.

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

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

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