

CHAPTER 2025-43

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1359

An act relating to feasibility study relating to statewide pawn data database; providing definitions; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct a feasibility study regarding creating a statewide pawn data database; requiring the department to report to the Legislature the results of the study; providing for repeal; providing that the completion of the feasibility study is subject to specific appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Statewide pawn data database feasibility study.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Department” means the Department of Law Enforcement.

(b) “Pawn data” means information related to the transactions of secondhand dealers and secondary metals recyclers, including pawn shops, that is required by chapter 538 and chapter 539, Florida Statutes, to be reported electronically to law enforcement officials. This includes, but is not limited to, descriptions of property, seller information, transaction dates, and any other data related to the exchange of goods.

(2) The department shall conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of a statewide pawn data database which, at a minimum, must:

(a) Allow law enforcement agencies in all counties in the state to access, update, and share pawn data in real-time.

(b) Be provided free of charge to all law enforcement agencies in the state.

(c) Be interoperable between different law enforcement databases, software solutions, and jurisdictions and meet established data standards to facilitate seamless communication between law enforcement agencies.

(d) Ensure compliance with applicable privacy and security laws.

(3) By January 1, 2026, the department must report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the results of the feasibility study.

(4) This section is repealed upon submission of the study under subsection (3).

Section 2. As authorized by and consistent with funding specifically appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, the Department of Law Enforcement shall complete the feasibility study required by this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor May 19, 2025.

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