

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the next of kin of deceased minors;
 3 providing a short title; amending s. 960.001, F.S.;
 4 defining the term "next of kin"; requiring law
 5 enforcement agencies to provide certain information
 6 during the investigation of the death of a minor;
 7 providing an exception; providing construction;
 8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. This act may be cited as "Curtis' Law."

13 Section 2. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (1) of
 14 section 960.001, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 960.001 Guidelines for fair treatment of victims and
 16 witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems.—

17 (1) The Department of Legal Affairs, the state attorneys,
 18 the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile
 19 Justice, the Florida Commission on Offender Review, the State
 20 Courts Administrator and circuit court administrators, the
 21 Department of Law Enforcement, and every sheriff's department,
 22 police department, or other law enforcement agency as defined in
 23 s. 943.10(4) shall develop and implement guidelines for the use
 24 of their respective agencies, which guidelines are consistent
 25 with the purposes of this act and s. 16(b), Art. I of the State

26 Constitution and are designed to implement s. 16(b), Art. I of
 27 the State Constitution and to achieve the following objectives:

28 (v) Information concerning an investigation into the death
 29 of a minor.-

30 1. For purposes of this paragraph, "next of kin" includes
 31 "family," "guardian," "next of kin," and "parent" as those terms
 32 are defined in s. 39.01.

33 2. During the investigation of the death of a minor, the
 34 law enforcement agency that initiates or bears the primary
 35 responsibility for the investigation must provide the minor's
 36 next of kin with all of the following information:

37 a. The contact information for the primary contact, if
 38 known, for the particular investigation, and if more than one
 39 law enforcement agency is involved in the investigation, the
 40 contact information for at least one of the secondary law
 41 enforcement agencies involved in the investigation.

42 b. The case number for the investigation, if applicable.

43 c. A list of the minor's personal effects that were found
 44 on or with the minor and information on how the minor's next of
 45 kin can collect such personal effects. A law enforcement agency
 46 may withhold the information in this sub-subparagraph if
 47 providing the information would jeopardize or otherwise
 48 interfere with an active investigation.

49 d. Information regarding the status of the investigation,
 50 at the discretion of the law enforcement agency.

51 3. This paragraph does not require a law enforcement
52 agency to provide any of the information under this paragraph if
53 doing so would jeopardize or otherwise interfere with an active
54 investigation.

55 4. This paragraph does not require a law enforcement
56 agency to provide investigative records generated during its
57 investigation to a minor's next of kin for inspection.

58 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.