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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to missing child identification;
3 creating s. 937.032, F.S.; providing definitions;
4 creating the Missing Child Identification Program to
5 be administered by the Attorney General; providing the
6 purpose of the program; authorizing the Attorney
7 General to use available appropriations to administer
8 the program; requiring the Attorney General, or a
9 specified entity if directed by the Attorney General,
10 to provide the Department of Education with
11 identification kits; requiring the department to
12 distribute the identification kits to all public and
13 charter schools; requiring certain coordination
14 between the department and the Attorney General;
15 requiring each public and charter school to distribute
16 an identification kit to a parent or person who has
17 legal custody of a child enrolled in kindergarten at
18 such school upon request; authorizing a parent or
19 legal guardian to submit the identification kit to
20 certain law enforcement agencies; authorizing the
21 Attorney General to adopt rules; providing an
22 effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26 Section 1. Section 937.032, Florida Statutes, is created
27 to read:

28 937.032 Missing Child Identification Program.-

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

30 (a) "Department" means the Department of Education.

31 (b) "Identification kit" means a fingerprint and DNA
32 identification kit that may be used to collect and store
33 fingerprint and DNA information.

34 (c) "Legal custody" has the same meaning as in s. 39.01.

35 (d) "Parent" has the same meaning as in s. 39.01.

36 (e) "Program" means the Missing Child Identification
37 Program created in this section.

38 (2)(a) There is created the Missing Child Identification
39 Program to be administered by the Attorney General.

40 (b) The purpose of the program is to provide an
41 identification kit to a parent or person who has legal custody
42 of a child which such parent or person may use to collect and
43 store the child's fingerprint and DNA information for potential
44 use by a federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement agency
45 if the child is reported as missing.

46 (c) If the Legislature does not appropriate funds
47 specifically for the program, the Attorney General may
48 administer the program using other available appropriations.

49 (3)(a) The Attorney General, or a supplier of
50 identification kits if directed by the Attorney General, shall

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51 provide the department with identification kits to be
52 distributed to all public schools and charter schools.

53 (b) The department shall coordinate with the Attorney
54 General to determine how many identification kits are needed
55 each year.

56 (4) Each public school and charter school shall distribute
57 an identification kit to the parent or person who has legal
58 custody of a child enrolled in kindergarten at such school upon
59 request of such parent or person.

60 (5) A parent or person who has legal custody of a child
61 who receives an identification kit may submit the identification
62 kit to a federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement agency
63 to help locate a missing child.

64 (6) The Attorney General may adopt rules to implement this
65 section.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.