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A BILL

To enact sections 3304.23 and 5502.08 of the 1
Revised Code to establish a database of persons 2
who voluntarily register as being diagnosed with 3
a communication disability or who voluntarily 4
register a minor child or ward as the parents or 5
guardians of such persons for purposes of law 6
enforcement notification. 7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3304.23 and 5502.08 of the 8
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 9

Sec. 3304.23. (A) As used in this section: 10

(1) "Communication disability" means a human condition 11
involving an impairment in the human's ability to receive, send, 12
process, or comprehend concepts or verbal, nonverbal, or graphic 13
symbol systems that may result in a primary disability or may be 14
secondary to other disabilities. 15

(2) "Guardian" has the same meaning as in section 2111.01 16
of the Revised Code. 17

(3) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice 18
medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under 19
Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code. 20

(4) "Psychiatrist" has the same meaning as in section 21
5122.01 of the Revised Code. 22

(5) "Psychologist" has the same meaning as in section 23
4732.01 of the Revised Code. 24

(B) The opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency 25
shall develop a verification form for a person diagnosed with a 26
communication disability to be submitted voluntarily to the 27
department of public safety in order for that person to be 28
included in the database established under section 5502.08 of 29
the Revised Code. 30

(C) The form shall include the following information: 31

(1) The name of the person diagnosed with a communication 32
disability; 33

(2) The name of the person completing the form on behalf 34
of the person diagnosed with a communication disability, if 35
applicable; 36

(3) The relationship between the person completing the 37
form and the person diagnosed with a communication disability, 38
if applicable; 39

(4) The driver's license number or state identification 40
card number issued to the person diagnosed with a communication 41
disability, if that person has such a number; 42

(5) The license plate number of each vehicle owned or 43
operated by the person diagnosed with a communication disability 44
or registered in that person's name; 45

(6) A physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist's signed certification that the person has been diagnosed with a communication disability; 46
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(7) The name, business address, business telephone number, and medical license number of the physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist making the certification; 49
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(8) The signature of the person diagnosed with a communication disability or the signature of the person completing the form on behalf of such a person; 52
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(9) Any other information required by the agency. 55

(D) Any of the following persons may complete the verification form: 56
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(1) Any person diagnosed with a communication disability who is eighteen years of age or older; 58
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(2) The parent or parents of a minor child diagnosed with a communication disability; 60
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(3) The guardian of a person diagnosed with a communication disability, regardless of the age of the person. 62
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Sec. 5502.08. (A) As used in this section: 64

(1) "Communication disability" has the same meaning as in section 3304.23 of the Revised Code. 65
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(2) "Guardian" has the same meaning as in section 2111.01 of the Revised Code. 67
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(3) "Ward" has the same meaning as in section 2111.01 of the Revised Code. 69
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(B) The department of public safety shall establish and maintain a database of persons who register under this section 71
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as being diagnosed with a communication disability. 73

(C) Any person diagnosed with a communication disability 74
who is eighteen years of age or older may register with the 75
department for inclusion in the database by submitting all of 76
the following information: 77

(1) The form provided by the opportunities for Ohioans 78
with disabilities agency under section 3304.23 of the Revised 79
Code; 80

(2) The driver's license number or state identification 81
card number issued to the person, if that person has such a 82
number; 83

(3) The license plate number of each vehicle owned or 84
operated by the person or registered in the person's name. 85

(D) Any parent or guardian of a minor child or a ward 86
diagnosed with a communication disability may register the minor 87
child or the ward with the department for inclusion in the 88
database by submitting all of the following information: 89

(1) The form provided by the opportunities for Ohioans 90
with disabilities agency under section 3304.23 of the Revised 91
Code; 92

(2) The driver's license number or state identification 93
card number issued to the minor child or the ward, if that 94
person has such a number; 95

(3) The license plate number of each vehicle owned or 96
operated by the minor child or the ward or registered in the 97
minor child or ward's name. 98

(E) (1) The department shall include in the database all of 99
the information provided under divisions (C) and (D) of this 100

section. The department shall make the database available to 101
state and local law enforcement officers through the law 102
enforcement automated data system. 103

(2) Information in the database is not a public record 104
subject to inspection or copying under section 149.43 of the 105
Revised Code. 106