



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5502.08 Database of persons with a communication disability.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Disability" has the same meaning as in section 3304.23 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Emergency medical service personnel" and "firefighter" have the same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

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

(4) "Ward" has the same meaning as in section 2111.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of public safety shall establish and maintain a database of persons who register under this section as being diagnosed with a disability.

(C) Any person diagnosed with a disability who is eighteen years of age or older may register with the department for inclusion in the database by submitting a completed verification form established by the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency under section 3304.23 of the Revised Code.

(D) Any parent or guardian of a minor child or a ward diagnosed with a disability may register the minor child or the ward with the department for inclusion in the database by submitting a completed verification form established by the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency under section 3304.23 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) The department shall include in the database information provided on a completed verification form that the department determines is necessary for a law enforcement officer, emergency medical service personnel, or firefighter to identify a person as diagnosed with a disability. The department shall make the database available to state and local law enforcement officers, emergency medical service personnel, and firefighters through both of the following, as applicable:



(a) The law enforcement automated data system;

(b) Each countywide 9-1-1 system established under section 128.03 of the Revised Code. A countywide 9-1-1 system shall use the database to provide information concerning an individual's disability to local law enforcement officers, emergency medical service personnel, and firefighters, as applicable, that are responding to a 9-1-1 communication concerning that individual.

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

(F) A person diagnosed with a disability who is included in the database or the parent or guardian of a minor child or a ward diagnosed with a disability who is included in the database may request removal of the person, minor, or ward, as applicable, from the database. The person, parent, or guardian shall do so by completing the verification form with only the information required under divisions (C)(1), (2), (3), (10), and (11) of section 3304.23 of the Revised Code, as applicable, and submitting the form to the department. Upon receipt of a properly completed verification form requesting the removal of a person with a disability from the database, the department shall immediately remove that person from the database.