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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF MATERIALS TO
PROMOTE AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONS WITH
COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENTS OR DISABILITIES WHEN INTERACTING
WITH FIRST RESPONDERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require the Commissioner
- 2 of Developmental Services to develop and make available color-specific
- 3 envelopes that (A) provide written information and guidance on the
- 4 outside of the envelopes regarding ways to enhance effective interaction
- 5 and communication between a state and local police, emergency
- 6 medical services, emergency medical services personnel and firefighters
- 7 and a person with cognitive impairments or disabilities or physical
- 8 impairments or disabilities, (B) printed recommendations to the
- 9 responding law enforcement officer with tips for interactions to help
- 10 promote enhanced communication and accommodation between law
- 11 enforcement and community members, and (C) are capable of holding
- 12 a person's motor vehicle operator's license, registration, insurance
- 13 identification card and may include any information or materials related
- 14 to an individual's cognitive impairment or disability or physical

15 impairment or disability, (2) establish a training curriculum for first
16 responders on best practices when interacting with a person with
17 cognitive impairments or disabilities, and (3) require the Commissioner
18 of Developmental Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of
19 Motor Vehicles, to develop and make available informational materials
20 that promote awareness and acceptance of persons with cognitive
21 impairments or disabilities.

Statement of Purpose:

To better serve persons with cognitive impairments or disabilities or physical impairments or disabilities by developing materials and training to promote awareness, safety and effective communication.