Public Safety and Homeland Security

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- Expands eligibility for the communication disability database maintained by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) so that persons with additional specified disabilities may be included.
- Makes the database available to emergency medical service personnel, firefighters, and law enforcement officers through each countywide 9-1-1 system, in addition to its continuing to be available to law enforcement officers through the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS).
- Alters the requirements related to the verification form that is used to register persons in the database so that it may be used by any person with the included disabilities.
- Requires database registrants to include their residential address and telephone number on the verification form.
- Requires the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), in addition to DPS and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD) as in continuing law, to make the verification form available on its website.
- Requires OOD and DODD to conduct public outreach concerning the disability database, including by posting information on their respective websites.
- Names the act "Keith's Law."