

**§2917. Contact person program**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Contact person program" or "program" means the program developed and operated pursuant to this section. [PL 2019, c. 442, §1 (NEW).]
- B. "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in section 3701, subsection 3. [PL 2019, c. 442, §1 (NEW).]
- C. "Participating person" means a person:
  - (1) Who voluntarily provides to a law enforcement agency contact information for a person or persons to assist with communications; or
  - (2) Who has a legal guardian under Title 18-C, section 5-301 or 5-701 and for whom the legal guardian provides to a law enforcement agency contact information to assist with communications. [PL 2019, c. 442, §1 (NEW).]

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**2. Contact person program.** The Department of Public Safety shall develop and implement a contact person program to assist a law enforcement officer with communications with a participating person during an encounter between the participating person and the law enforcement officer. The program must provide the law enforcement officer with access to contact information for a person that is voluntarily submitted by a participating person or the legal guardian of a participating person. The program must interface with the State's telecommunications and radio message switching system. [PL 2019, c. 442, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Standards of procedure.** The program must include standards of procedure for law enforcement agencies consistent with policies adopted by the Department of Public Safety. The standards must address processing the application of a participating person or that person's legal guardian, determining the validity of identity and legal guardianship information, entering contact information into the State's telecommunications and radio message switching system, procedures for a participating person or that person's legal guardian to withdraw from the program and procedures for a law enforcement officer to access contact information. [PL 2019, c. 442, §1 (NEW).]

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PL 2019, c. 442, §1 (NEW).

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