HB 854 -- Emergency Contact Database

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This bill requires the Driver License Bureau within the Department of Revenue to establish, by August 1, 2012, a database of emergency contact persons for an individual who is issued a driver's license, intermediate driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or an identification card. Information in the database must be accessible only to employees of the bureau and to the criminal justice agency responding to the scene of an accident or an incident and cannot be considered a public record under the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law. the event of a motor vehicle accident or an emergency situation in which a person dies, is seriously injured, or is rendered unconscious and unable to communicate, a responding employee of the criminal justice agency must make a good faith effort to notify the contact person of the situation but the department, the employee, or the agency that employs the employee cannot incur any liability if the contact is not made.