

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1741

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BLUE ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM;  
CONCERNING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH A BLUE ALERT NOTIFICATION  
SYSTEM; AND CONCERNING EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-12-219. Blue Alert Notification System.

(a) As used in this section, "physical assault on a law enforcement officer" means a physical act, the threat of a physical act, or the attempt to commit a physical act by another person that results or could have resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of a law enforcement officer.

(b) The Arkansas Crime Information Center shall establish the Blue Alert Notification System as a quick response system designed to issue and coordinate Blue Alerts following a physical assault on a law enforcement officer.

(c) On the request of an authorized person at a law enforcement agency that is investigating a physical assault on a law enforcement officer, the center shall issue a Blue Alert if:

(1) A person suspected of committing a physical assault on a law enforcement officer has fled the scene of the alleged physical assault on a



law enforcement officer;

(2) A law enforcement agency investigating the physical assault on a law enforcement officer has determined that the person suspected of committing a physical assault on a law enforcement officer poses an imminent threat to the public or other law enforcement personnel; and

(3) Public dissemination of available information may help avert further harm or accelerate apprehension of the person suspected of committing a physical assault on a law enforcement officer.

(d) If the information is available, a Blue Alert issued under this section shall include:

(1) A description of the person suspected of committing a physical assault on a law enforcement officer; and

(2) A license plate number or description of a vehicle containing the person suspected of committing a physical assault on a law enforcement officer.

(e) If the center issues a Blue Alert under this section, the center shall provide the Blue Alert information to any other entity that provides similar notifications in this state.