

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1523

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By: Senator B. Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING MISSING PERSONS ALERTS; TO CODIFY THE ARKANSAS AMBER ALERT SYSTEM; TO CODIFY THE ARKANSAS SILVER ALERT SYSTEM; TO CREATE THE MISSING ENDANGERED ADULT ADVISORY SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING MISSING PERSONS ALERTS; TO CODIFY THE ARKANSAS AMBER ALERT SYSTEM; TO CODIFY THE ARKANSAS SILVER ALERT SYSTEM; AND TO CREATE THE MISSING ENDANGERED ADULT ADVISORY SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 8, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 7 - Missing Persons Alert Systems

12-8-701. Arkansas Amber Alert System.

(a) There is established the Arkansas Amber Alert System to be administered by the Division of Arkansas State Police.

(b) The division shall:

(1) Serve as the coordinating law enforcement agency to alert the public of abducted children through the Arkansas Amber Alert System; and

(2) Establish the criteria for activation of the Arkansas Amber Alert System.



12-8-702. Arkansas Silver Alert System.

(a) There is established the Arkansas Silver Alert System to be administered by the Division of Arkansas State Police.

(b) The division shall:

(1) Serve as the coordinating law enforcement agency to disseminate statewide alerts for missing seniors and adults with cognitive disorders through the Arkansas Silver Alert System; and

(2) Establish the criteria for activation of the Arkansas Silver Alert System.

12-8-703. Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System.

(a) There is established a standardized system to aid in the search of missing adults to be known as the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System.

(b) The Division of the Arkansas State Police shall serve as the coordinating law enforcement agency to disseminate appropriate advisories under the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System.

(c)(1) The Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System shall be used for a missing adult who does not meet the criteria for activation of the Arkansas Silver Alert System who has:

(A) A mental or cognitive disability that is not Alzheimer's disease or a dementia-related disorder;

(B) An intellectual disability, developmental disability, or brain injury; or

(C) Another physical, mental, or emotional disability that is not related to substance abuse.

(2) The Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System will not be activated for a person who is determined to be suicidal.

(d) The Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System shall have safeguards in place to ensure that activation of the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System:

(1) Is the only viable means by which the missing adult is likely to be returned to safety;

(2) Provides for the protection of the privacy, dignity, and independence of the missing adult;

(3) Prevents the inadvertent or unnecessary broadcasting or

dissemination of sensitive health information; and

(4) Only occurs when there is sufficient descriptive information about the missing adult and the circumstances surrounding his or her disappearance to indicate that activating an advisory is likely to help locate the missing adult.

(e) The division shall:

(1) Establish the procedure for activation of the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System;

(2) Monitor the use, activation, and results of the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System; and

(3) Coordinate with local law enforcement to ensure the appropriate use of the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System.

12-8-704. Rulemaking.

The Department of Public Safety may promulgate rules to implement this subchapter.

/s/Vaught