

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law establishes criteria for state police to issue an AMBER Alert for abduction cases involving a child.

New law allows for a Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory to be issued by state police in a case of a missing child that does not meet AMBER Alert criteria.

Existing law establishes criteria for state police to issue a Silver Alert for a case of a missing senior citizen or a missing person with a developmental disability.

New law establishes a "Bryan's Call" for a missing child aged 17 or younger or a missing adult aged 18 or older who is not a risk to the general public and is believed to have a developmental or cognitive impairment or an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties that makes them unable to meet their own needs or to seek help without assistance.

New law requires a local law enforcement agency with the capability to issue an alert to issue one immediately upon receipt of a report of a missing person or child with disabilities.

New law provides that if the local law enforcement agency does not have the capability to issue an alert, the agency shall immediately contact state police to issue the alert.

New law provides that if state police receives a request that involves a missing person or child with disabilities, and the time of the receipt is no more than 72 hours since the person or child went missing, state police shall issue an alert providing rapid dissemination of information using a wireless emergency alert either statewide or locally regarding the missing person or child.

New law requires local law enforcement to make a reasonable effort to determine the appropriate alert type but gives state police the authority to make the final determination.

New law requires state police to make training available to first responders on responses to missing persons or children, whether the case involves an abduction, child endangerment, or individuals with cognitive disabilities, including the utilization of applicable alert systems.

Existing law provides immunity from liability for state police officers, members of other law enforcement entities, radio or television broadcasters, and cable television operators for acts or omissions relative to the issuance of an AMBER Alert or Silver Alert.

New law provides the same immunity relative to issuance of a Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory or a Bryan's Call.

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