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DIGEST

SB 34 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

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

Proposed 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.

Present 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.

Proposed law establishes a "Bryan's Call" for a missing child aged 17 or younger, that is not a risk to the general public, and is believed to be suffering from 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.

Proposed law authorizes a Silver Alert to be issued for missing persons aged 18 and older who are believed to be suffering from 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, and that is not a risk to the general public.

Proposed 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.

Proposed 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.

Proposed law provides that if state police 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.

Proposed 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.

Proposed law requires state police to make training available to local law enforcement 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.

Present 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.

Proposed law provides the same immunity relative to issuance of a Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:2522 )

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Adds criteria for a "Bryan's Call" for missing children with developmental or cognitive impairment.
2. Adds criteria for a Silver Alert for missing adults with developmental or cognitive impairment.
3. Provides requirements for local law enforcement upon receipt of a report of a missing person or child with developmental or cognitive impairment.
4. Provides requirements for state police alerts issued for individuals with developmental and cognitive impairment.
5. Provides for training conducted by state police for local law enforcement agencies.
6. Makes technical changes.