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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 210.1012, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Amber alert system, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 210.1012, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 210.1012, to read as follows:

210.1012. 1. There is hereby created a statewide program called the
2 "Amber Alert System" referred to in this section as the "system" to aid in the
3 identification and location of **an** abducted **[persons] child**.

4 2. For the purposes of this section, "abducted **[person] child**" means a
5 **[person] child** whose whereabouts are unknown and who is:

6 **(1) Age seventeen or under and** reasonably believed to be the victim
7 of the crime of kidnapping as defined by section 565.110, RSMo, as determined
8 by local law enforcement; **or**

9 **(2) Reasonably believed to be the victim of the crime of child**
10 **kidnapping as defined by section 565.115, RSMo, as determined by local**
11 **law enforcement; or**

12 **(3) Reasonably believed to be a victim of child kidnapping as**
13 **defined by section 565.115, RSMo, as determined by local law**
14 **enforcement, but is between the ages of fourteen and seventeen rather**
15 **than being under the age of fourteen.**

16 3. The department of public safety shall develop regions to provide the
17 system. The department of public safety shall coordinate local law enforcement
18 agencies and public commercial television and radio broadcasters to provide an
19 effective system. In the event that a local law enforcement agency opts not to set

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 up a system and an abduction occurs within the jurisdiction, it shall notify the
21 department of public safety who will notify local media in the region.

22 4. The Amber alert system shall include all state agencies capable of
23 providing urgent and timely information to the public together with broadcasters
24 and other private entities that volunteer to participate in the dissemination of
25 urgent public information. At a minimum, the Amber alert system shall include
26 the department of public safety, highway patrol, department of transportation,
27 department of health and senior services, and Missouri lottery.

28 5. The department of public safety shall have the authority to notify other
29 regions upon verification that the criteria established by the oversight committee
30 has been met.

31 6. Participation in an Amber alert system is entirely at the option of local
32 law enforcement agencies and federally licensed radio and television broadcasters.

33 7. Any person who knowingly makes a false report that triggers an alert
34 pursuant to this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

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