

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ of _____

Amend SS/SCS/HCS/House Bill No. 1659, Page 27, Section 197.135, Line 82,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

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

7 2. For the purposes of this section, "abducted child"
8 means a child whose whereabouts are unknown and who is:

9 (1) Less than eighteen years of age and reasonably
10 believed to be the victim of the crime of kidnapping or
11 kidnapping in the first degree as defined by section 565.110
12 as determined by local law enforcement;

13 (2) Reasonably believed to be the victim of the crime
14 of child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as
15 determined by local law enforcement; or

16 (3) Less than eighteen years of age and at least
17 fourteen years of age and who, if under the age of fourteen,
18 would otherwise be reasonably believed to be a victim of
19 child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as determined
20 by local law enforcement.

21 3. The department of public safety shall develop
22 regions to provide the system. The department of public
23 safety shall coordinate local law enforcement agencies and
24 public commercial television and radio broadcasters to
25 provide an effective system. In the event that a local law
26 enforcement agency opts not to set up a system and an

27 abduction occurs within the jurisdiction, it shall notify
28 the department of public safety who will notify local media
29 in the region.

30 4. The Amber alert system shall include all state
31 agencies capable of providing urgent and timely information
32 to the public together with broadcasters and other private
33 entities that volunteer to participate in the dissemination
34 of urgent public information. At a minimum, the Amber alert
35 system shall include the department of public safety,
36 highway patrol, department of transportation, department of
37 health and senior services, and Missouri lottery.

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

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

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

47 8. It shall be unlawful to discriminate against any
48 person because of race, color, religion, national origin,
49 ancestry, sex, disability, or familial status when the
50 department coordinates with local law enforcement agencies
51 and public commercial television and radio broadcasters to
52 provide an effective system."; and

53 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.