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Three of Sen. Alter's Bills Heard in Committee

JEFFERSON CITY— Measures sponsored by Sen. Bill Alter, R-High Ridge, promoting child safety, addressing noise pollution, and dealing with uncooperative utility companies were heard in their respective Senate committees this week.

One of the measures, Senate Bill 1019 heightens the effectiveness of Amber Alerts, the broadcast system used to more quickly locate the whereabouts of missing persons. Currently in Missouri, Amber Alerts are issued by law enforcement whenever someone is kidnapped. Alter's proposed legislation modifies the system so early alerts would be specifically for identifying and locating children 17 years of age and younger, rather than adults.

"Enhanced awareness and timely action are necessary for the Amber Alert to be successful," Alter said. "Although it is sad when any person of any age is abducted, children are more defenseless, and their cases deserve as much attention as possible to bring them back home."

The second measure, Senate Bill 999, allows county governments to adopt ordinances specifically handling peace disturbances, such as unreasonably loud events hosted at nearby facilities. Alter said this legislation will help neighborhoods maintain an acceptable level of peace and quiet.

SB 1102, the third bill to receive committee attention, enables Jefferson County to adopt ordinances encouraging utilities to act in a timely manner when the location of their infrastructure (power lines, poles, pipes, etc.) along county streets, highways, or roads impedes the progress of local construction projects.

Next week, all three measures will be considered in an executive session of the involved committees, where members will vote on whether to send them to the Senate floor for debate by the full body.

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