



Sen. Rupp's Bills Helping Missing & Endangered Persons, Addressing Closed Captioning Become Law

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, is pleased to announce some key measures he pushed for during this past legislative session have become law. Governor Blunt today has signed into law [Senate Bill 84](#), which contains Sen. Rupp's SB 67 – changing the “Amber Alert System” and creating the missing endangered persons system. In addition, [House Bill 181](#), which is the companion bill to Sen. Rupp's SB 435 – a measure requiring closed or open captioning on electronic video instructional materials used in schools, also gained the governor's signature today.

“I'm proud to have personally witnessed the signing of these important measures,” said Sen. Rupp moments after attending the ceremony in Gov. Blunt's Capitol office. “These two new laws will help us find the missing and endangered and give the hearing-impaired a chance to use all video educational materials their fellow Missourians can use.”

Senate Bill 84 specifies that an Amber Alert will only be used for missing children under 18 and employs Sen. Rupp's idea to create an advisory system to aid in the identification and location of missing endangered adults. Under the new law, a “missing endangered person” is defined as someone whose whereabouts are unknown and who is physically or mentally disabled, missing under circumstances that indicate that person might be in danger, and/or missing under involuntary or unknown circumstances.

House Bill 181 requires that closed or open captioning be used for electronic video instructional materials in any educational institution starting in 2008.

“We live in an information and technology age,” said Sen. Rupp. “And there's no reason why we can't use the resources we have to make sure that information and technology are used to protect those who might be in need of help and educate those seeking knowledge. These measures will do just those things.”

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Sen. Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, talks about Senate Bill 84 as Governor Matt Blunt signs the measure into law at the governor's Capitol office on Thursday, June 21, 2007.