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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 43.400, 43.401, 43.402, and 43.410, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to missing persons.

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

Section A. Sections 43.400, 43.401, 43.402, and 43.410, RSMo, are  
2 repealed and five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections  
3 37.1000, 43.400, 43.401, 43.402, and 43.410, to read as follows:

**37.1000. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

- 2 **(1) "DNA", deoxyribonucleic acid;**  
3 **(2) "Family member", a spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent**  
4 **or legal guardian of a missing person;**  
5 **(3) "Office", the office of the missing persons advocate within the**  
6 **office of administration.**

7 **2. There is hereby established within the office of administration**  
8 **the "Office of Missing Persons Advocate", for the purpose of assisting**  
9 **family members of missing persons and others in understanding law**  
10 **enforcement duties and resources, communicating with law**  
11 **enforcement officers and agencies, county coroners, medical examiners,**  
12 **and other agencies, and providing advice to family members of missing**  
13 **persons and others on their rights, relevant laws, regulations, policies,**  
14 **and procedures, and other matters. The director of the office shall**  
15 **report directly to the commissioner of the office of administration.**

16 **3. The office shall be administered by a director and deputy**  
17 **director, who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and**

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

18 consent of the senate. The director and deputy director shall hold  
19 office for a term of six years and shall continue to hold office until a  
20 successor has been duly appointed. The office shall act independently  
21 of the department of public safety and all state and local law  
22 enforcement agencies. The office of administration shall provide  
23 administrative support and staff as deemed necessary.

24 4. The office shall have access to the following information:

25 (1) Any record or case file prepared by personnel of a state or  
26 local law enforcement agency, inquiring into a crime, suspected crime,  
27 or missing persons report, or any record on file with a state or local  
28 law enforcement agency regarding a missing person; and

29 (2) Records held by county coroners or medical examiners  
30 regarding deceased persons who are not identified and whether DNA  
31 or other information has been taken from the deceased person and  
32 entered into a database.

33 5. The office shall have the authority:

34 (1) To communicate with state and local law enforcement officers  
35 and agencies, county coroners, and medical examiners regarding  
36 missing persons;

37 (2) To accept a report of a missing person, if a report has not  
38 already been accepted by the law enforcement agency in the  
39 jurisdiction in which the person was last seen or resided, and submit  
40 the report to the Missouri state highway patrol;

41 (3) To initiate meetings with local and state law enforcement  
42 officers, county coroners, and medical examiners;

43 (4) To take whatever steps are appropriate to see that persons  
44 are made aware of the services of the office of missing persons  
45 advocate, its purpose, and how it can be contacted;

46 (5) To apply for and accept grants, gifts, and bequests of funds  
47 from other states, federal, and interstate agencies, and independent  
48 authorities, private firms, individuals, and foundations to carry its  
49 duties and responsibilities. The funds shall be deposited in a dedicated  
50 account established within the office to permit moneys to be expended  
51 in accordance with the provisions of the grant or bequest;

52 (6) Subject to appropriations, to establish a statewide DNA  
53 database of missing persons that shall be capable of interfacing with  
54 any national database of the same nature and purpose; and

55           **(7) To mediate between family members of missing persons and**  
56 **state and local law enforcement agencies, county coroners, and medical**  
57 **examiners.**

58           **6. The office shall conduct a county-by-county review of all**  
59 **records of state and local law enforcement agencies, county coroners,**  
60 **and medical examiners regarding missing persons and unidentified**  
61 **deceased persons to determine whether information in such records**  
62 **has been entered into all relevant state and national databases. The**  
63 **office shall enter any information into such databases that has not**  
64 **already been entered.**

65           **7. The office shall maintain the confidentiality of any files,**  
66 **records, or other information obtained from a state or local law**  
67 **enforcement agency, county coroner, or medical examiner under this**  
68 **section, that the agency or officer has indicated is to be kept**  
69 **confidential. Such files, records, or information shall not be disclosed**  
70 **to the family members of a missing person or others unless authorized**  
71 **by the agency or officer.**

72           **8. The office shall establish and implement procedures for**  
73 **receiving, processing, responding to, and resolving complaints made by**  
74 **or on behalf of family members of missing persons or others. Such**  
75 **procedures shall address complaints relating to the actions, inactions,**  
76 **or decisions of law enforcement agencies, county coroners, and medical**  
77 **examiners. The office shall establish and implement procedures for the**  
78 **handling and, whenever possible, the resolution of complaints.**

79           **9. The office may recommend to any state or local agency**  
80 **changes in the rules adopted or proposed by such state or local agency**  
81 **regarding the handling of missing person cases or unidentified**  
82 **deceased persons. The office shall make recommendations on changes**  
83 **to any current policies and procedures. The office shall analyze and**  
84 **monitor the development and implementation of federal, state and local**  
85 **laws, regulations, and policies with respect to missing persons in the**  
86 **state and shall recommend to the courts, general assembly, and**  
87 **governor changes in such laws, regulations, and policies deemed by the**  
88 **office to be appropriate.**

43.400. As used in sections 43.400 to 43.410, the following terms mean:

2           (1) "DNA", deoxyribonucleic acid;

3           ["Missing child" or "missing juvenile", any person who is under the age of

4 seventeen years, whose temporary or permanent residence is in the state of  
5 Missouri or who is believed to be within the state of Missouri, whose location has  
6 not been determined, and who has been reported as missing to a law enforcement  
7 agency;

8 (2) "Missing child report", a report prepared on a standard form supplied  
9 by the Missouri state highway patrol for the use by private citizens and law  
10 enforcement agencies to report missing children or missing juvenile information  
11 to the Missouri state highway patrol;

12 (3) **(2) "High risk missing person"**, a person who is missing and meets  
13 one of the following characteristics:

14 (a) Is physically or mentally disabled to the degree that the person is  
15 dependent upon an agency or another individual, **or the person is in need of**  
16 **medical attention or prescription medication;**

17 (b) Is missing under circumstances indicating that the missing person's  
18 safety may be in danger;

19 (c) Is missing under involuntary or unknown circumstances; subject to the  
20 provisions of **paragraphs** (a), (b), (d), (e), [and] (f), **(g), and (h)** of this  
21 [subsection] **subdivision;**

22 (d) Is a child or juvenile runaway from the residence of a parent, legal  
23 guardian, or custodian;

24 (e) Is a child and is missing under circumstances indicating that the  
25 person was or is in the presence of or under the control of a party whose presence  
26 or control was or is in violation of a permanent or temporary court order and  
27 fourteen or more days have elapsed, during which time the party has failed to file  
28 any pleading with the court seeking modification of the permanent or temporary  
29 court order;

30 (f) Is missing under circumstances indicating that the person was or is in  
31 the presence of or under the control of a party whose presence or control was or  
32 is in violation of a permanent or temporary court order and there are reasonable  
33 grounds to believe that the person may be taken outside of the United States;

34 **(g) Has been missing for more than thirty days;**

35 **(h) Any other characteristic that may, in the judgement of the**  
36 **law enforcement agency, indicate that the missing person may be at**  
37 **risk;**

38 **(3) "Missing child" or "missing juvenile", any person who is under**  
39 **the age of seventeen years, whose temporary or permanent residence**

40 is in the state of Missouri or who is believed to be within the state of  
41 Missouri, whose location has not been determined, and who has been  
42 reported as missing to a law enforcement agency;

43 (4) "Missing child report", a report prepared on a standard form  
44 supplied by the patrol for the use by private citizens and law  
45 enforcement agencies to report missing children or missing juvenile  
46 information to the patrol;

47 (5) "Missing person", any person who is missing regardless of  
48 whether the person is a "high risk missing person";

49 [(4)] (6) "Patrol", the Missouri state highway patrol;

50 [(5)] (7) "Registrar", the state registrar of vital statistics.

43.401. 1. The reporting of missing persons by law enforcement agencies,  
2 private citizens, and the responsibilities of the patrol in maintaining accurate  
3 records of missing persons are as follows:

4 (1) A person may file a complaint of a missing person with a law  
5 enforcement agency [having jurisdiction]. The complaint shall include, but need  
6 not be limited to, the following information:

7 (a) The name of the complainant;

8 (b) The relationship of the complainant to the missing person;

9 (c) The name, age, address, and identifying characteristics of the missing  
10 person, **including, if known, birthmarks, moles, tattoos, scars, height and**  
11 **weight, gender, race, current hair color and true or natural hair color,**  
12 **eye color, prosthetics, surgical implants, cosmetic implants, physical**  
13 **anomalies, blood type, a description of the clothing the missing person**  
14 **was believed to be wearing, the items that might be with the missing**  
15 **person, such as jewelry, accessories, shoes, or boots, or any other**  
16 **distinguishing characteristics;**

17 (d) The length of time the person has been missing;

18 (e) **The missing person's driver's license and Social Security**  
19 **numbers, if known, or other known numbers related to other forms of**  
20 **identification;**

21 (f) **A recent photograph of the missing person;**

22 (g) **Information on the missing person's electronic**  
23 **communications devices, such as cell phone numbers, social networking**  
24 **login information, and email addresses;**

25 (h) **The reasons why the reporting person believes that the**

26 **person is missing;**

27 **(i) The name and location of the missing person's school or**  
28 **employer, if known;**

29 **(j) The name and location of missing person's dentist or primary**  
30 **care physician, if known;**

31 **(k) Any circumstances that may indicate that the disappearance**  
32 **was not voluntary;**

33 **(l) Any circumstances that indicate that the missing person may**  
34 **be at risk of injury or death;**

35 **(m) A description of the possible means of transportation of the**  
36 **missing person, including make, model, color, license, and**  
37 **identification number of a vehicle;**

38 **(n) Any identifying information about a known or possible**  
39 **abductor or person last seen with the missing person, including:**

40 **a. Name;**

41 **b. Physical description;**

42 **c. Date of birth;**

43 **d. Identifying marks;**

44 **e. The description of the possible means of transportation,**  
45 **including the make, model, color, license, and identification number of**  
46 **a vehicle;**

47 **f. Known associates; and**

48 **(o) All other information deemed relevant by either the complainant or**  
49 **the law enforcement agency;**

50 (2) A report of the complaint of a missing person shall be immediately  
51 entered into the Missouri uniform law enforcement system (MULES) and the  
52 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system by the law enforcement agency  
53 receiving the complaint, and disseminated to other law enforcement agencies who  
54 may come in contact with or be involved in the investigation or location of a  
55 missing person;

56 (3) A law enforcement agency with which a complaint of a missing child  
57 has been filed shall prepare, as soon as practicable, a standard missing child  
58 report. The missing child report shall be maintained as a record by the reporting  
59 law enforcement agency during the course of an active investigation;

60 (4) Upon the location of a missing person, or the determination by the law  
61 enforcement agency of jurisdiction that the person is no longer missing, the law

62 enforcement agency which reported the missing person shall immediately remove  
63 the record of the missing person from the MULES and NCIC files.

64 2. No law enforcement agency shall prevent an immediate active  
65 investigation on the basis of an agency rule which specifies an automatic time  
66 limitation for a missing person investigation.

67 3. **No law enforcement agency may refuse to accept a missing  
68 person report on the basis that:**

69 (1) **The missing person is an adult;**

70 (2) **The circumstances do not indicate foul play;**

71 (3) **The person has been missing for a short period of time;**

72 (4) **The person has been missing a long period of time;**

73 (5) **There is no indication that the missing person was in the  
74 jurisdiction served by the law enforcement agency at the time of the  
75 disappearance;**

76 (6) **The circumstances suggest that the disappearance may be  
77 voluntary;**

78 (7) **The person reporting does not have personal knowledge of  
79 the facts;**

80 (8) **The reporting individual cannot provide all of the  
81 information requested by the law enforcement agency;**

82 (9) **The reporting person lacks a familial or other relationship  
83 with the missing person; or**

84 (10) **For any other reason.**

85 4. **All law enforcement agencies shall accept missing person  
86 reports in person. Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to accept  
87 reports by phone or by electronic or other media to the extent that  
88 such reporting is consistent with law enforcement policies or practices.**

89 5. **The law enforcement agency shall notify the person making  
90 the report, a family member, or other person in a position to assist the  
91 law enforcement agency in its efforts to locate the missing person:**

92 (1) **Regarding general information about the handling of the  
93 missing person case or about intended efforts in the case to the extent  
94 that the law enforcement agency determines that disclosure would not  
95 adversely affect its ability to locate or protect the missing person or to  
96 apprehend or prosecute any person criminally involved in the  
97 disappearance;**

98 (2) **That the person making the report or other necessary person**

99 should promptly contact the law enforcement agency if the missing  
100 person remains missing to provide additional information and  
101 materials that will aid in locating the missing person. The law  
102 enforcement agency should also notify the person of the specific  
103 information or materials needed, such as credit or debit cards the  
104 missing person has access to, other banking information, and records  
105 of phone use;

106 (3) That the law enforcement agency will notify the person  
107 making the report that any DNA samples provided for the missing  
108 person case are provided on a voluntary basis and will be used solely  
109 to help locate or identify the missing person and will not be used for  
110 any other purpose;

111 (4) That the law enforcement agency is encouraged to make  
112 available informational materials through publications or electronic or  
113 other media that advise the public about how the information or  
114 materials identified in this subsection are used to help locate or  
115 identify missing persons;

116 (5) Information regarding one of two resources, based upon the  
117 age of the missing person. If the missing person is seventeen years of  
118 age or younger, the law enforcement agency shall provide contact  
119 information for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.  
120 If the missing person is eighteen years of age or older, the law  
121 enforcement agency shall provide contact information for organizations  
122 that assist families of missing adults, such as organizations  
123 participating in the Association of Missing and Exploited Children's  
124 Organizations.

125 6. Local law enforcement agencies shall make use of all available  
126 tools, resources, and technologies available as applicable to resolve a  
127 missing person case. This includes assistance from other law  
128 enforcement agencies, whether at a local, state, or federal level,  
129 nonprofit search and rescue organizations, which may provide at no  
130 charge trained animal searches, use of specialized equipment, and man  
131 trackers, services provided by the National Center for Missing and  
132 Exploited Children and other qualified organizations, cell phone  
133 triangularization and tracking, the subpoena of cell phone, land line,  
134 internet, email, and social networking website records, and technology  
135 experts to examine any available information gleaned from a computer



136 **belonging to or used by the missing person.**

137 **7. If a person remains missing after thirty days, and the**  
138 **additional information and materials specified in this section have not**  
139 **been received, the law enforcement agency shall attempt to obtain:**

140 **(1) DNA samples from family members and the missing person**  
141 **along with any needed documentation, including any consent forms,**  
142 **required for the entry of the information into state or national DNA**  
143 **databases;**

144 **(2) An authorization to release dental or skeletal x-rays of the**  
145 **missing person, and any other medical and dental records of the person**  
146 **reported missing, to the law enforcement agency making the initial**  
147 **report and to the patrol;**

148 **(3) Any additional photographs of the missing person that may**  
149 **aid the investigation or identification. The law enforcement agency**  
150 **shall not be required to obtain written authorization before it publicly**  
151 **releases any photograph that would aid in the investigation or**  
152 **identification of the missing person;**

153 **(4) Fingerprints of the missing person, which are to be entered**  
154 **into the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System**  
155 **maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.**

156 **8. All DNA samples obtained in missing persons cases shall be**  
157 **immediately forwarded to an appropriate crime laboratory for**  
158 **analysis. The laboratory shall establish procedures for determining**  
159 **how to prioritize analysis of the samples relating to missing persons**  
160 **cases.**

161 **9. Information collected under subsection 7 of this section that**  
162 **is relevant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Violent Criminal**  
163 **Apprehension Program shall be entered as provided under subsection**  
164 **7 of this section as soon as possible.**

165 **10. Subsection 7 of this section shall not be interpreted to**  
166 **preclude a law enforcement agency from attempting to obtain the**  
167 **materials identified in subsection 7 of this section before the expiration**  
168 **of the thirty-day period.**

43.402. 1. The superintendent of the patrol shall organize a missing  
2 persons unit within the patrol, which unit shall be the central repository for this  
3 state for information regarding missing persons. The head of this missing person  
4 unit shall, with the approval of the superintendent of the patrol, establish the

5 services deemed necessary to aid in the location of missing persons including, but  
6 not limited to, the following:

7 (1) Collecting and disseminating information regarding missing persons  
8 in order to assist in locating such persons;

9 (2) Establishing a system of interstate and intrastate communication of  
10 information relating to children determined to be missing by the parent,  
11 guardian, or legal custodian of the child, or by a law enforcement agency;

12 (3) Providing a centralized file for the exchange of information on missing  
13 children with appropriate private or federal agencies which serve as national  
14 coordinators of missing children incidents;

15 (4) Assisting in the investigation of reports of missing persons by a  
16 uniformed or commissioned member of the patrol.

17 **2. Upon the initial receipt of a missing person report, the law**  
18 **enforcement agency shall immediately determine whether there is a**  
19 **basis to determine that the missing person is a high risk missing**  
20 **person. If a law enforcement agency has previously determined that a**  
21 **missing person is not a high risk missing person, but obtains new**  
22 **information, it shall immediately determine whether the information**  
23 **provided to the law enforcement agency indicates that the person is a**  
24 **high risk missing person. Risk assessments identified in this**  
25 **subsection shall be performed no later than twenty-four hours after the**  
26 **initial missing person report or the new information was provided to**  
27 **the law enforcement agency.**

28 **3. When the law enforcement agency determines that the missing**  
29 **person is a high risk missing person, it shall notify the missing persons**  
30 **unit. The law enforcement agency shall immediately provide to the**  
31 **missing persons unit the information most likely to aid in the location**  
32 **and safe return of the high risk missing person, and shall provide as**  
33 **soon as practicable all other information obtained relating to the**  
34 **missing person case.**

35 **4. The missing persons unit shall promptly notify all law**  
36 **enforcement agencies within the state and surrounding region of the**  
37 **information that will aid in the prompt location and safe return of the**  
38 **high risk missing person.**

39 **5. The local law enforcement agencies who receive the**  
40 **notification from the missing persons unit shall notify officers to be on**  
41 **the look out for the missing person or a suspected abductor.**

42           **6. The responding local law enforcement agency shall**  
43 **immediately enter all collected information relating to the high risk**  
44 **missing person case in available state and national databases regarding**  
45 **missing persons. If the responding local law enforcement agency does**  
46 **not have the capability to enter this data directly in the state and**  
47 **national databases, the missing persons unit shall immediately enter all**  
48 **collected information relating to the high risk missing person case in**  
49 **the available state and national databases. The information shall be**  
50 **provided in accordance with applicable guidelines relating to the**  
51 **databases. The information shall be entered as follows:**

52           **(1) A missing person report in a high risk missing person case**  
53 **and relevant information provided in the report shall be entered in the**  
54 **National Crime Information Center database immediately, and no more**  
55 **than two hours of the determination that the missing person is a high**  
56 **risk missing person. All other missing person reports and relevant**  
57 **information provided in the report shall be entered within twenty-four**  
58 **hours after the missing person report is received. Supplemental**  
59 **information in high risk missing person cases shall be entered as soon**  
60 **as practicable;**

61           **(2) All DNA profiles shall be uploaded into any state or national**  
62 **missing persons databases after completion of the DNA analysis and**  
63 **other procedures required for database entry;**

64           **(3) Information relevant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's**  
65 **Violent Criminal Apprehension Program and the National Missing and**  
66 **Unidentified Persons System shall be entered as soon as possible;**

67           **(4) In cases of high risk missing persons who are at least**  
68 **eighteen years of age, but no older than twenty years of age, per the**  
69 **mandates of federal Suzanne's Law (Pub. L. 108-21, Title II, Section**  
70 **204), the responding local law enforcement agency shall contact the**  
71 **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and request that**  
72 **the case be entered into its database and the photograph and**  
73 **information of the high risk missing person be displayed on its website.**

74           **7. The missing persons unit shall ensure that any person**  
75 **entering data relating to fingerprints, medical, dental, or other records**  
76 **in state or national databases are specifically trained to understand**  
77 **and correctly enter the information into the databases. The missing**  
78 **persons unit may either use persons with specific expertise in**

79 **fingerprints, medical, dental, or other records for this purpose or**  
80 **consult with a medical examiner, forensic anthropologist, or an**  
81 **odontologist to ensure the accuracy and completeness of information**  
82 **entered into the state and national databases.**

43.410. 1. Every county coroner or medical examiner promptly shall  
2 furnish the Missouri state highway patrol with copies of fingerprints on  
3 standardized fingerprint cards, personal descriptions and other identifying data,  
4 including date and place of death, of all deceased persons whose deaths are in a  
5 classification requiring inquiry by the coroner or medical examiner where the  
6 deceased is not identified or the coroner or medical examiner is not satisfied with  
7 the decedent's identification. In any case where it is not physically possible to  
8 furnish prints of the ten fingers of the deceased, prints or partial prints of any  
9 fingers with other identifying data shall be forwarded by the county coroner or  
10 medical examiner to the highway patrol.

11 2. In addition to the foregoing provisions of this section, the county  
12 coroner or medical examiner shall:

13 (1) Cause a dentist to carry out a dental examination of the  
14 deceased. The coroner or medical examiner shall forward the dental records to  
15 the Missouri state highway patrol on a form supplied by the highway patrol for  
16 such purpose;

17 (2) **Obtain skeletal X-rays of the deceased;**

18 (3) **Obtain samples of tissue suitable for DNA typing, if possible;**

19 (4) **Obtain samples of whole bone, hair, or other material suitable**  
20 **for DNA typing, if possible.**

21 3. The Missouri state highway patrol shall compare the fingerprints  
22 received from the county coroner or medical examiner to fingerprints on file with  
23 the Missouri state highway patrol or with other law enforcement agencies for  
24 purposes of attempting to determine the identity of the deceased. Other  
25 descriptive data supplied with the fingerprints shall also be compared to records  
26 concerning missing persons. The highway patrol shall submit the results of the  
27 comparisons to the appropriate coroner or medical examiner and if a tentative or  
28 positive identification is made, to the law enforcement authority which submitted  
29 the report of the missing person.

30 4. When any person makes a report of a missing child to a law  
31 enforcement authority, the authority shall request a member of the family or next  
32 of kin of the missing child to authorize the release of the medical and dental

33 records of the person reported missing to the law enforcement agency making the  
34 initial report and to the Missouri state highway patrol.

35       5. The Missouri state highway patrol shall compare the dental records  
36 received from the coroner or medical examiner to dental records of missing  
37 children on file with the highway patrol or other law enforcement agency. The  
38 department shall submit the results of the comparison to the coroner or medical  
39 examiner and if a tentative or positive identification is made, to the law  
40 enforcement authority which submitted the report of the missing child.

41       **6. No county coroner, medical examiner, or any other person**  
42 **shall dispose of or engage in actions that will materially affect the**  
43 **deceased person before the coroner or medical examiner obtains the**  
44 **samples and information required under this section.**

45       **7. The county coroner, medical examiner, or the patrol shall seek**  
46 **support from appropriate state and federal agencies for human remains**  
47 **identification efforts. Such support may include available**  
48 **mitochondrial or nuclear DNA testing, federal grants for DNA testing,**  
49 **or federal grants for crime laboratory, coroner, or medical examiner**  
50 **office improvement.**

51       **8. The county coroner, medical examiner, or other agency**  
52 **designated by the patrol shall promptly enter information in national**  
53 **and state databases that can aid in the identification of missing**  
54 **persons. Information shall be entered into national databases as**  
55 **follows:**

56       **(1) Information for the National Crime Information Center,**  
57 **including dental information shall be entered within twenty-four hours;**

58       **(2) DNA profiles and information shall be entered into the**  
59 **National DNA Index System within five business days after the**  
60 **completion of the DNA analysis and procedures necessary for the entry**  
61 **of the DNA profile;**

62       **(3) Information sought by the Violent Criminal Apprehension**  
63 **Program shall be entered into the database as soon as practicable; and**

64       **(4) Fingerprints and dental information shall be entered into the**  
65 **appropriate state and national databases as soon as possible.**

66       **9. If the county coroner or medical examiner does not input the**  
67 **data directly into the national databases, the missing persons unit shall**  
68 **consult with the coroner or medical examiner to ensure that the data**  
69 **entry personnel have been appropriately trained to establish a quality**

70 assurance protocol for ensuring the ongoing quality of the data entered  
71 into the national and state databases.

72       10. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to preclude any  
73 county coroner or medical examiner, the patrol, or a local law  
74 enforcement agency from pursuing other efforts to identify unidentified  
75 human remains, including efforts to publicize information or  
76 disseminate descriptions or photographs that may aid in the  
77 identification of the unidentified remains, to allow family members to  
78 identify the missing person, or to protect the dignity of the missing  
79 person.

80       11. Any person with custody of human remains that are not  
81 identified within twenty-four hours of discovery shall promptly notify  
82 the patrol of the location of those remains. If the person with custody  
83 of remains cannot determine whether the remains are human, it shall  
84 notify the patrol of the existence of possible human remains.

85       12. Agencies handling the remains of a missing person who is  
86 determined to be deceased shall notify the law enforcement agency  
87 handling the missing person case. Documented efforts shall be made  
88 to locate family members of the deceased person to inform them of the  
89 death and location of the remains of their family member.

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