SENATE AMENDMENT NO. ___

Offered by _____ Of _____

Amend SS/HCS/House Bill Nos. 737 & 486 , Page 43 , Section 210.762 , Line 44 ,

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 or an abducted or missing

7   African American youth.

8   2. For the purposes of this section, the following

9   terms mean:

10   (1) "Abducted child" [means], a child whose

11   whereabouts are unknown and who is:

12   [(1)] (a) Less than eighteen years of age and

13   reasonably believed to be the victim of the crime of

14   kidnapping or kidnapping in the first degree as defined by

15   section 565.110 as determined by local law enforcement;

16   [(2)] (b) Reasonably believed to be the victim of the

17   crime of child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as

18   determined by local law enforcement; or

19   [(3)] (c) Less than eighteen years of age and at least

20   fourteen years of age and who, if under the age of fourteen,

21   would otherwise be reasonably believed to be a victim of

22   child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as determined

23   by local law enforcement;

24   (2) "Abducted or missing African American youth", an

25   African American individual whose whereabouts are unknown

26   and who is:

27   (a) Less than eighteen years of age and reasonably

28 believed to be the victim of the offense of kidnapping or

29 kidnapping in the first degree as defined by section 565.110

30 as determined by local law enforcement;

31   (b) Reasonably believed to be the victim of the

32 offense of child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as

33 determined by local law enforcement;

34   (c) Less than eighteen years of age and at least

35 fourteen years of age and who, if under the age of fourteen,

36 would otherwise be reasonably believed to be a victim of

37 child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as determined

38 by local law enforcement; or

39   (d) Reasonably believed to be a victim of an offense

40 of trafficking pursuant to sections 566.206, 566.209,

41 566.210, or 566.211.

42   3. The department of public safety shall develop

43 regions to provide the system. The department of public

44 safety shall coordinate local law enforcement agencies and

45 public commercial television and radio broadcasters to

46 provide an effective system. In the event that a local law

47 enforcement agency opts not to set up a system and an

48 abduction occurs within the jurisdiction, it shall notify

49 the department of public safety who will notify local media

50 in the region.

51   4. The Amber alert system shall include all state

52 agencies capable of providing urgent and timely information

53 to the public together with broadcasters and other private

54 entities that volunteer to participate in the dissemination

55 of urgent public information. At a minimum, the Amber alert

56 system shall include the department of public safety,

57 highway patrol, department of transportation, department of

58 health and senior services, and Missouri lottery.

59   5. The department of public safety shall have the

60 authority to notify other regions upon verification that the

61 criteria established by the oversight committee has been met.

62   6. Participation in an Amber alert system is entirely

63 at the option of local law enforcement agencies and

64 federally licensed radio and television broadcasters.

65   7. Any person who knowingly makes a false report that

66 triggers an alert pursuant to this section is guilty of a

67 class A misdemeanor.

68   8. The department of public safety shall not

69 discriminate against any person because of race, color,

70 religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or

71 familial status when coordinating with local law enforcement

72 agencies and public commercial television and radio

73 broadcasters to provide an effective system."; and

74   Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.