

SENATE BILL NO. 611

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MAY.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 210.1012, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to emergency notification systems, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 210.1012, RSMo, is repealed and one
2 new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section
3 210.1012, to read as follows:

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

6 2. For the purposes of this section, **the following**
7 **terms mean:**

8 (1) "Abducted child" **[means]**, a child whose
9 whereabouts are unknown and who is:

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

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

17 **[(3)] (c)** Less than eighteen years of age and at least
18 fourteen years of age and who, if under the age of fourteen,

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

19 would otherwise be reasonably believed to be a victim of
20 child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as determined
21 by local law enforcement;

22 (2) "Abducted or missing Black youth", a Black
23 individual whose whereabouts are unknown and who is:

24 (a) Less than twenty-five years of age and reasonably
25 believed to be the victim of the offense of kidnapping or
26 kidnapping in the first degree as defined by section 565.110
27 as determined by local law enforcement;

28 (b) Reasonably believed to be the victim of the
29 offense of child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as
30 determined by local law enforcement;

31 (c) Less than twenty-five years of age and at least
32 fourteen years of age and who, if under the age of fourteen,
33 would otherwise be reasonably believed to be a victim of
34 child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115 as determined
35 by local law enforcement; or

36 (d) Reasonably believed to be a victim of an offense
37 of trafficking pursuant to sections 566.206, 566.209,
38 566.210, or 566.211.

39 3. The department of public safety shall develop
40 regions to provide the system. The department of public
41 safety shall coordinate local law enforcement agencies and
42 public commercial television and radio broadcasters to
43 provide an effective system. In the event that a local law
44 enforcement agency opts not to set up a system and an
45 abduction occurs within the jurisdiction, it shall notify
46 the department of public safety who will notify local media
47 in the region.

48 4. The Amber alert system shall include all state
49 agencies capable of providing urgent and timely information
50 to the public together with broadcasters and other private

51 entities that volunteer to participate in the dissemination
52 of urgent public information. At a minimum, the Amber alert
53 system shall include the department of public safety,
54 highway patrol, department of transportation, department of
55 health and senior services, and Missouri lottery.

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

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

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

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