

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 34

BY SENATOR MCMATH

PUBLIC SFTY/CORRECT DEPT. Provides relative to alerts for missing persons. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2522, relative to missing person alerts; to provide for criteria for issuing
3 alerts; to provide for responsibilities of local law enforcement and state police; to
4 provide for training; to provide for immunity; to provide for an effective date; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2522 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2522. Missing person alerts

A. An AMBER Alert shall be activated for abduction cases involving children seventeen years of age or under when the circumstances indicate the child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death and there is sufficient descriptive information about the child, abductor, or suspect's vehicle.

B. If a case involving a missing child does not meet AMBER Alert criteria, a Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory may be issued by state police.

C. Local law enforcement shall make a reasonable effort to determine whether the appropriate alert type is an AMBER Alert, Level II Endangered

1 **Missing Child Advisory, or Silver Alert. However, state police shall make the**
2 **final determination of the appropriate alert type.**

3 **D. State police shall make training available upon request by a local law**
4 **enforcement agency on responses to reports of missing children, individuals**
5 **with developmental disabilities, and senior citizens, including utilization of**
6 **applicable alert systems.**

7 **E. Any state police officer, members of other law enforcement entities,**
8 **radio or television broadcasters, or cable television operators, who transmit or**
9 **display, or who fail to transmit or display such information concerning a**
10 **missing child, and other entities who may become an active component of this**
11 **effort, shall not be liable for any civil damages or criminal penalties as a result**
12 **of any acts or omissions relative to the Level II Endangered Missing Child**
13 **Advisory.**

14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
18 effective on the day following such approval.

19 Section 3. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Bryan's Call".

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Proposed law establishes criteria for state police to issue an AMBER Alert for abduction
cases involving a child.

Proposed law allows for a Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory to be issued by state
police in a case of a missing child that does not meet AMBER Alert criteria.

Present law establishes criteria for state police to issue a Silver Alert for a case of a missing
senior citizen or a missing person with a developmental disability.

Proposed law requires local law enforcement to make a reasonable effort to determine the
appropriate alert type but gives state police the authority to make the final determination.

Proposed law requires state police to make training available to local law enforcement on responses to reports of missing children, individuals with developmental disabilities, and senior citizens, including utilization of applicable alert systems.

Present law provides immunity from liability for state police officers, members of other law enforcement entities, radio or television broadcasters, and cable television operators for acts or omissions relative to the issuance of an AMBER Alert or Silver Alert.

Proposed law provides the same immunity relative to issuance of a Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall be named and may be cited as "Bryan's Call".

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:2522)