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## A Bill

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SENATE BILL 371

By: Senators J. Scott, Irvin

By: Representatives Brooks, Vaught, Wooldridge, J. Richardson, Barnes

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING MISSING CHILDREN; TO ESTABLISH A  
STANDARDIZED SYSTEM TO AID IN THE SEARCH OF MISSING  
CHILDREN WHO DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR ACTIVATION  
OF THE ARKANSAS AMBER ALERT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH A STANDARDIZED SYSTEM TO  
AID IN THE SEARCH OF MISSING CHILDREN  
WHO DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR  
ACTIVATION OF THE ARKANSAS AMBER ALERT  
SYSTEM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 1, is  
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-8-130. Missing endangered child advisory system.

(a) There is established a standardized system to aid in the search of  
missing children who do not meet the criteria for activation of the Arkansas  
Amber Alert System.

(b) The Division of Arkansas State Police shall operate the missing  
endangered child advisory system created by this section.

(c) The missing endangered child advisory system shall be activated  
for a child under eighteen (18) years of age under the following  
circumstances:

(1) When the disappearance of the child appears to be



1 unexplained, involuntary, or suspicious;

2 (2) When it is suspected but not confirmed that the child was  
3 abducted;

4 (3) When the child has been diagnosed with a:

5 (A) Developmental disability or pervasive developmental  
6 disorder; or

7 (B) Physical, mental, or cognitive impairment; or

8 (4) When the child may otherwise be in danger due to age,  
9 health, weather conditions, presence with a potentially dangerous person, or  
10 other circumstance.

11 (d) The Division of Arkansas State Police shall:

12 (1) Establish the procedure for activation of the missing  
13 endangered child advisory system; and

14 (2) Coordinate with local law enforcement to ensure the  
15 effective use of the missing endangered child advisory system.

16 (e) The missing endangered child advisory system shall only be  
17 activated when the missing child's disappearance does not qualify for the  
18 activation of the Arkansas Amber Alert System.

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