

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H2/20/25 S4/2/25*

2 95th General Assembly

A Bill

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5 By: Representative Vaught

6 By: Senator B. Davis

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING MISSING PERSONS ALERTS; TO CODIFY
10 THE ARKANSAS AMBER ALERT SYSTEM; TO CODIFY THE
11 ARKANSAS SILVER ALERT SYSTEM; TO CREATE THE MISSING
12 ENDANGERED ADULT ADVISORY SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

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18 CONCERNING MISSING PERSONS ALERTS; TO
19 CODIFY THE ARKANSAS AMBER ALERT SYSTEM;
20 TO CODIFY THE ARKANSAS SILVER ALERT
21 SYSTEM; AND TO CREATE THE MISSING
22 ENDANGERED ADULT ADVISORY SYSTEM.

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 8, is amended to add an
26 additional subchapter to read as follows:

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Subchapter 7 - Missing Persons Alert Systems

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29 12-8-701. Arkansas Amber Alert System.

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(a) There is established the Arkansas Amber Alert System to be
31 administered by the Division of Arkansas State Police.

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(b) The division shall:

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(1) Serve as the coordinating law enforcement agency to alert
34 the public of abducted children through the Arkansas Amber Alert System; and

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(2) Establish the criteria for activation of the Arkansas Amber
36 Alert System.



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2 12-8-702. Arkansas Silver Alert System.

3 (a) There is established the Arkansas Silver Alert System to be
4 administered by the Division of Arkansas State Police.

5 (b) The division shall:

6 (1) Serve as the coordinating law enforcement agency to
7 disseminate statewide alerts for missing seniors and adults with cognitive
8 disorders through the Arkansas Silver Alert System; and

9 (2) Establish the criteria for activation of the Arkansas Silver
10 Alert System.

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12 12-8-703. Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System.

13 (a) There is established a standardized system to aid in the search of
14 missing adults to be known as the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System.

15 (b) The Division of the Arkansas State Police shall serve as the
16 coordinating law enforcement agency to disseminate appropriate advisories
17 under the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System.

18 (c)(1) The Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System shall be used for
19 a missing adult who does not meet the criteria for activation of the Arkansas
20 Silver Alert System who has:

21 (A) A mental or cognitive disability that is not
22 Alzheimer's disease or a dementia-related disorder;

23 (B) An intellectual disability, developmental disability,
24 or brain injury; or

25 (C) Another physical, mental, or emotional disability that
26 is not related to substance abuse.

27 (2) The Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System will not be
28 activated for a person who is determined to be suicidal.

29 (d) The Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System shall have safeguards
30 in place to ensure that activation of the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory
31 System:

32 (1) Is the only viable means by which the missing adult is
33 likely to be returned to safety;

34 (2) Provides for the protection of the privacy, dignity, and
35 independence of the missing adult;

36 (3) Prevents the inadvertent or unnecessary broadcasting or

1 dissemination of sensitive health information; and

2 (4) Only occurs when there is sufficient descriptive information
3 about the missing adult and the circumstances surrounding his or her
4 disappearance to indicate that activating an advisory is likely to help
5 locate the missing adult.

6 (e) The division shall:

7 (1) Establish the procedure for activation of the Missing
8 Endangered Adult Advisory System;

9 (2) Monitor the use, activation, and results of the Missing
10 Endangered Adult Advisory System; and

11 (3) Coordinate with local law enforcement to ensure the
12 appropriate use of the Missing Endangered Adult Advisory System.

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14 12-8-704. Rulemaking.

15 The Department of Public Safety may promulgate rules to implement this
16 subchapter.

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