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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1523

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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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 ARKANSAS  
12 PURPLE ALERT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 CONCERNING MISSING PERSONS ALERTS; TO  
17 CODIFY THE ARKANSAS AMBER ALERT SYSTEM;  
18 TO CODIFY THE ARKANSAS SILVER ALERT  
19 SYSTEM; AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS  
20 PURPLE ALERT SYSTEM.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 8, is amended to add an  
25 additional subchapter to read as follows:

26 Subchapter 7 - Missing Persons Alert Systems  
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28 12-8-701. Arkansas Amber Alert System.

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

31 (b) The division shall:

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

34 (2) Establish the criteria for activation of the Arkansas Amber  
35 Alert System.  
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1 12-8-702. Arkansas Silver Alert System.

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

4 (b) The division shall:

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

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

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 11 12-8-703. Arkansas Purple Alert System.

12 (a) There is established a standardized system to aid in the search of  
 13 missing adults to be known as the Arkansas Purple Alert System.

14 (b) The Division of the Arkansas State Police shall serve as the  
 15 coordinating law enforcement agency to disseminate appropriate regional  
 16 alerts under the Arkansas Purple Alert System.

17 (c) The Arkansas Purple Alert System shall be used for a missing adult  
 18 who does not meet the criteria for activation of the Arkansas Silver Alert  
 19 System:

20 (1) 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) Whose disappearance indicates a credible threat of immediate  
 28 danger or serious bodily harm to himself or herself, as determined by the  
 29 local law enforcement agency requesting activation of the Arkansas Purple  
 30 Alert System; and

31 (3) Who the local law enforcement agency believes cannot be  
 32 returned to safety without law enforcement intervention.

33 (d) The Arkansas Purple Alert System shall have safeguards in place to  
 34 ensure that activation of the Arkansas Purple Alert System:

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

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

3           (3) Prevents the inadvertent or unnecessary broadcasting or  
 4 dissemination of sensitive health information;

5           (4) Limits the broadcasting and dissemination of alerts and  
 6 related information to the geographic areas where the missing adult could  
 7 reasonably be; and

8           (5) Only occurs when there is sufficient descriptive information  
 9 about the missing adult and the circumstances surrounding his or her  
 10 disappearance to indicate that activating an alert is likely to help locate  
 11 the missing adult.

12           (d) The division shall:

13           (1) Establish the procedure for activation of the Arkansas  
 14 Purple Alert System;

15           (2) Monitor the use, activation, and results of the Arkansas  
 16 Purple Alert System; and

17           (3) Coordinate with local law enforcement to ensure the  
 18 appropriate use of the Arkansas Purple Alert System.

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 20           12-8-704. Rulemaking.

21           The Department of Public Safety may promulgate rules to implement this  
 22 subchapter.

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