

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0018

Missing person alert systems.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to missing person alert systems; amending
 2 duties for the office of homeland security and highway
 3 patrol for emergency alert communications networks;
 4 amending state cooperation with federal, tribal and local
 5 law enforcement for alert systems; providing a definition;
 6 and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-13-105(c)(vii) and 24-12-102(c)
 11 and by creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

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13 **19-13-105. Homeland security program.**

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1 (c) The director is the administrative head of the
2 Wyoming office of homeland security. In addition to the
3 duties described in W.S. 19-13-104(d) the director:

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5 (vii) Shall assist and coordinate with local,
6 state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies to
7 employ the integrated public alert and warning system or
8 successor system to notify residents of imminent threat by
9 natural disaster or manmade event or to aid in the safe
10 recovery of missing or endangered persons, which adheres to
11 United States department of justice criteria. The director
12 shall also assist local, state, tribal and federal law
13 enforcement agencies integrate additional missing persons
14 alert communications networks that enable and help
15 facilitate search efforts for an adult at risk or other
16 missing person of an age, needs or circumstances that may
17 fall outside the scope of the America's missing: broadcast
18 emergency response alert criteria. As used in this
19 paragraph "adult at risk" means an adult who has a
20 developmental disability, who suffers from Alzheimer's
21 disease or dementia, or who suffers from or could, without
22 access to medication, suffer from cognitive impairment if

1 the impairment would likely render the adult incapable of
2 getting to a familiar location without assistance.

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4 **24-12-102. Duties generally; emergencies;**
5 **coordination.**

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7 (c) The state highway patrol shall coordinate with
8 local, tribal, state and federal law enforcement agencies,
9 the Wyoming office of homeland security and any other
10 appropriate entity to operate an alert system under the
11 integrated public alert and warning system or successor
12 system, adhering to the United States department of justice
13 criteria. The state highway patrol shall operate and
14 integrate additional missing persons alert communications
15 networks that enable and help facilitate search efforts for
16 an adult at risk or other missing person of an age, needs
17 or circumstances that may fall outside the scope of the
18 America's missing: broadcast emergency response alert
19 criteria. The state highway patrol shall report annually to
20 the division of criminal investigation the number of times
21 and dates that the alert ~~system was~~ systems were used, the
22 age, race and gender of the abducted person, whether the

1 abduction was thwarted and whether ~~the~~an alert system
2 assisted in resolving the abduction. In addition:

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4 (i) If the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern
5 Arapaho ~~and Eastern Shoshone~~Tribe, both tribes or the
6 cooperative tribal governing body:

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8 (A) Operate or seek to operate an alert
9 system under the integrated public alert and warning system
10 or successor system on the Wind River Indian Reservation,
11 adhering to the United States department of justice
12 criteria, or operate or seek to operate an additional
13 missing persons alert communications network also operated
14 by the state, the Wyoming office of homeland security and
15 state highway patrol shall assist and coordinate with any
16 tribal agency in establishing, integrating or operating
17 that system;

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19 (B) Report missing or endangered persons to
20 the state highway patrol in conformance with applicable
21 alert criteria, the state highway patrol shall employ the
22 applicable alert ~~system~~systems under this subsection to

1 aid in the protection of persons and safe recovery of the
2 reported missing or endangered persons.

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4 (ii) The state highway patrol may also use,
5 integrate or manage other alert systems to aid in the safe
6 recovery of missing or endangered persons.

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8 (d) As used in this section "adult at risk" means an
9 adult who has a developmental disability, who suffers from
10 Alzheimer's disease or dementia, or who suffers from or
11 could, without access to medication, suffer from cognitive
12 impairment if the impairment would likely render the adult
13 incapable of getting to a familiar location without
14 assistance.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.

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