

Bill No.: HB0018 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0212**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0020

Chapter No.: 45

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Catch Title: **Missing person alert systems.**

Subject: Requiring integration and operation of additional missing persons alert communications networks.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The America's missing: broadcast emergency response alert (AMBER alert) system helps locate endangered missing or abducted children.
- This act concerns the integration and operation of additional missing persons alert communications networks, which enable and help facilitate search efforts for adults at risk or other missing persons who may fall outside the scope of AMBER alert criteria.
- The act defines "adult at risk" to include an adult who has a developmental disability, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease or dementia, or who suffers from cognitive impairment.
- The act creates additional duties for the Office of Homeland Security and the State Highway Patrol.
 - The Office of Homeland Security shall assist law enforcement agencies to integrate additional missing persons alert communications networks.
 - The State Highway Patrol shall operate and integrate additional missing persons alert communications networks.
 - If the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe or the cooperative tribal governing body operate or seek to operate an additional missing persons alert communications network that the state also operates, the Office of Homeland Security and State Highway Patrol shall assist and coordinate with the tribal agency in establishing, integrating or operating that system.

Comment:

- The act includes a reporting requirement: the State Highway Patrol shall report annually to the Division of Criminal Investigation certain information about use of alert systems.

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