

SENATE FILE NO. SF0008

Missing and murdered persons and other events-cooperation.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government;  
2 specifying duties for the division of criminal investigation,  
3 Wyoming office of homeland security, division of victim  
4 services, highway patrol and others in the reporting,  
5 investigation, emergency alert and recovery of missing  
6 persons and other offenses; requiring state cooperation with  
7 federal, tribal and local law enforcement for alert systems  
8 and investigation and resolution of criminal activity;  
9 requiring reports; and providing for an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-616(a), 9-1-624(a) by creating new  
14 paragraphs (v) and (vi) and (b), 9-1-627(a)(iii), 9-1-638(a)  
15 by creating a new paragraph (viii), 19-13-105(c)(v), (vi) and

1 by creating a new paragraph (vii) and 24-12-102 by creating  
2 a new subsection (c) are amended to read:

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4 **9-1-616. Cooperation with other law enforcement**  
5 **agencies; concurrent jurisdiction.**

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7 (a) The division shall cooperate with federal, state,  
8 tribal and local law enforcement agencies and officers for  
9 the efficient investigation of criminal activity and swift  
10 apprehension of persons suspected of violating the criminal  
11 laws of this state.

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13 **9-1-624. Division of criminal investigation; uniform**  
14 **procedures and forms for collecting and disseminating**  
15 **identification data; missing persons repository; annual crime**  
16 **statistics report; agencies to cooperate.**

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18 (a) The division shall:

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20 (v) Act as a central repository of information and  
21 operate a clearinghouse database on missing persons from  
22 Wyoming. As a function of the central repository:

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1           (A) The division shall prepare and make  
2 publicly available an annual report on information compiled  
3 from the missing person clearinghouse. The report shall  
4 include biographical information collected on missing persons  
5 and include information submitted by federal, state, tribal  
6 and local law enforcement agencies located in Wyoming;

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8           (B) The division may make publicly available  
9 information about ongoing missing person investigations to  
10 aid the efficient investigation and swift recovery of missing  
11 persons or when otherwise in the public interest.

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13           (vi) At least annually, compile a report on  
14 Wyoming crime statistics and make the report publicly  
15 available. The report shall include crime statistics  
16 submitted by federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement  
17 agencies in addition to the information received pursuant to  
18 W.S. 7-19-407 and 7-20-107.

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20           (b) All law enforcement agencies within the state shall  
21 cooperate with the division in establishing and maintaining  
22 an efficient and coordinated system of identification and in  
23 reporting missing persons information to the division.

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2           **9-1-627. Authority to compile, disseminate and exchange**  
3 **information; immunity; access to information limited;**  
4 **security precautions.**

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6           (a) Any law enforcement officer, the attorney general  
7 and his deputies and assistants, and any prosecuting attorney  
8 may:

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10                   (iii) Disseminate and exchange criminal  
11 identification data and criminal intelligence information  
12 among themselves and among law enforcement agencies of other  
13 states, tribes or of the federal government.

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15           **9-1-638. Division of victim services; duties and**  
16 **responsibilities.**

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18           (a) The division of victim services shall:

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20                   (viii) Review division of criminal investigation  
21 reports from the missing person clearinghouse, as provided in  
22 W.S. 9-1-624(a)(v), and coordinate with members of the  
23 judiciary, prosecutors, defense counsel, law enforcement and

1 others to provide training on crimes related to missing and  
2 murdered persons in the state of Wyoming, including Native  
3 American missing and murdered persons.

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5 **19-13-105. Homeland security program.**

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

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11 (v) Shall have additional authority, duties and  
12 responsibilities authorized by this act as may be prescribed  
13 by the governor or the director; ~~and~~

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15 (vi) May prescribe reasonable qualifications for  
16 officers and employees of local programs and reasonable  
17 regulations for the administration of local programs; ~~and~~

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19 (vii) Shall assist and coordinate with local,  
20 state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies to employ  
21 the integrated public alert and warning system or successor  
22 system to notify residents of imminent threat by natural  
23 disaster or manmade event or to aid in the safe recovery of

1 missing or endangered persons, which adheres to United States  
2 department of justice criteria.

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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 report annually to  
14 the division of criminal investigation the number of times  
15 and dates that the alert system was used, the age, race and  
16 gender of the abducted person, whether the abduction was  
17 thwarted and whether the alert system assisted in resolving  
18 the abduction. In addition:

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20 (i) If the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone  
21 Tribes:

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1 (A) Operate or seek to operate an alert  
2 system under the integrated public alert and warning system  
3 or successor system on the Wind River Reservation, adhering  
4 to the United States department of justice criteria, the  
5 Wyoming office of homeland security and state highway patrol  
6 shall assist and coordinate with any tribal agency in  
7 establishing or operating that system;

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9 (B) Report missing or endangered persons to  
10 the state highway patrol, the state highway patrol shall  
11 employ the alert system under this subsection to aid in the  
12 protection of persons and safe recovery of the reported  
13 missing or endangered persons.

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15 (ii) The state highway patrol may also use or  
16 manage other alert systems to aid in the safe recovery of  
17 missing or endangered persons.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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