

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 into existing alert systems
14 additional missing persons alert communications networks
15 that enable and help facilitate search efforts for an adult
16 at risk or other missing person of an age, needs or
17 circumstances that may fall outside the scope of the
18 integrated public alert and warning system or successor
19 system. As used in this paragraph "adult at risk" means an
20 adult who has a developmental disability, who suffers from
21 Alzheimer's disease or dementia, or who suffers from or
22 could, without access to medication, suffer from cognitive
23 impairment if the impairment would likely render the adult

1 incapable of getting to a familiar location without
2 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 with existing alert systems additional missing
15 persons alert communications networks that enable and help
16 facilitate search efforts for an adult at risk or other
17 missing person of an age, needs or circumstances that may
18 fall outside the scope of the integrated public alert and
19 warning system or successor system. The state highway
20 patrol shall report annually to the division of criminal
21 investigation the number of times and dates that the alert
22 ~~system was~~ systems were used, the age, race and gender of
23 the abducted person, whether the abduction was thwarted and

1 whether ~~the~~an alert system assisted in resolving the
2 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, the state highway patrol shall
21 employ the applicable alert ~~system~~systems under this
22 subsection to aid in the protection of persons and safe
23 recovery of the reported missing or endangered persons.

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

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

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

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19 (END)