

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB3575

Introduced 2/28/2007, by Rep. Richard P. Myers

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2605/2605-480 20 ILCS 2705/2705-505.5

Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the statewide emergency alert system for missing and abducted children shall also be used to assist in the recovery of elderly persons who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or similar conditions. Amends the Department of Transportation Law to make corresponding changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The Department of State Police Law of the Civil
- 5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section
- 6 2605-480 as follows:
- 7 (20 ILCS 2605/2605-480)
- 8 Sec. 2605-480. Statewide kidnapping <u>and missing persons</u>
- 9 alert and prevention program; Child Safety Coordinator.
- 10 (a) The Department of State Police shall develop a
- 11 coordinated program for a statewide emergency alert system  $\underline{\text{to}}$
- 12 <u>assist in the recovery of missing or abducted children or</u>
- missing elderly persons who suffer from Alzheimer's disease,
- 14 <u>dementia</u>, or <u>similar conditions</u> <del>when a child is missing or</del>
- 15 **kidnapped**. The system shall include, but is not limited to, the
- 16 use in coordination with the Illinois Department of
- 17 Transportation, of electronic message signs on roads and
- 18 highways in the vicinity of a child abduction, or near the
- 19 <u>location where the missing elderly person was last seen,</u> to
- 20 immediately provide critical information to the public.
- 21 (b) The Department of State Police shall establish an AMBER
- 22 Plan Task Force to monitor and review the implementation and
- 23 operation of the system developed under subsection (a),

- 1 including procedures, budgetary requirements, and response
- 2 protocols. The Task Force shall also develop additional network
- 3 resources for use in the system.
- (c) The Department of State Police, in coordination with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, shall develop and implement a community outreach program to promote awareness
- 7 among the State's parents and children of child abduction
- 8 prevention and response.
- 9 (d) The Department of State Police, in coordination with
- 10 the State Board of Education, shall develop child abduction
- 11 prevention instruction for inclusion in elementary and
- 12 secondary school curricula throughout the State. The
- 13 Department and State Board of Education shall encourage the
- 14 inclusion of the child abduction prevention instruction in
- 15 private elementary and secondary school curricula throughout
- 16 the State.
- 17 (e) The Department shall appoint a Child Safety Coordinator
- 18 to assist in the establishment of State standards for child
- 19 safety from kidnap and abduction and to advocate for the
- 20 achievement of those standards. The Child Safety Coordinator
- 21 shall have the qualifications and experience that the
- 22 Department shall require by rule. The Child Safety Coordinator
- shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for his
- or her expenses from the Department's operations budget. No
- 25 funds shall be appropriated solely for the expenses of the
- 26 Child Safety Coordinator. The Department shall provide

- 1 technical assistance for the Child Safety Coordinator from its
- 2 existing resources.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 92-259, eff. 1-1-02; 92-468, eff. 8-22-01;
- 4 93-310, eff. 7-23-03.)
- 5 Section 10. The Department of Transportation Law of the
- 6 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing
- 7 Section 2705-505.5 as follows:
- 8 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-505.5)
- 9 Sec. 2705-505.5. Child abduction and missing elderly
- 10 person message signs. The Department of Transportation shall
- 11 coordinate with the Department of State Police in the use of
- 12 electronic message signs on roads and highways in the vicinity
- of a child abduction, or near the location where a missing
- 14 elderly person was last seen, as provided in Section 2605-480
- of the Department of State Police Law, to immediately provide
- 16 critical information to the public.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 93-310, eff. 7-23-03.)