



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 258**

January Session, 2011

Substitute Senate Bill No. 765

*Senate, March 29, 2011*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY ALERTS FOR MISSING PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-282c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 Any municipal police department which receives a report of a  
4 missing child under [~~fifteen~~] eighteen years of age or a missing person  
5 who is eligible for assistance under subsection (a) of section 29-1f shall  
6 immediately accept such report for filing and inform all on-duty police  
7 officers of the existence of the missing child or missing person report  
8 and communicate the report to other appropriate law enforcement  
9 agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	7-282c
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

This bill requires municipal police departments that receive a missing persons report for a child under age 18 to accept the report and notify all on-duty police officers and other law enforcement agencies and results in no fiscal impact to municipalities. It is currently the practice of municipal departments to promptly notify appropriate law enforcement agencies of all missing persons cases.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

*Source: Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Guidelines for Handling Missing Persons Investigations and Acceptance of Reports, January 2008*

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 765*****AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY ALERTS FOR MISSING PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires local police departments that receive a report of a missing child under age 18, not just those under age 15, to immediately accept the report for filing and notify all on-duty police officers and other appropriate law enforcement agencies. By law, they must take these same actions on a report about a mentally impaired person age 18 or older or anyone age 65 or older.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

**BACKGROUND*****Related Bill***

sSB 6113 (File 194), reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee, requires state and local police to accept without delay any report of a missing person age 21 or older.

***Related Law***

By law, local law enforcement agencies must submit to the state Missing Child Information Clearinghouse reports of all missing (1) children under age 18, (2) mentally impaired adults age 18 or older, and (3) seniors age 65 and older. Parents may also notify the clearinghouse once they report to local police.

The clearinghouse is the state's central repository of information on missing children. But, subject to available resources, the clearinghouse may collect, process, maintain, and disseminate information to help locate missing persons in addition to those mentioned above (CGS §

29-1e).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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