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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY ALERTS FOR ABDUCTED OR MISSING CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section, "law enforcement agency" means the Division of State
3 Police within the Department of Public Safety or any municipal police
4 department.

5 (b) Upon receipt of a report of a missing person, the law
6 enforcement agency receiving said report may, pursuant to a
7 voluntary program between broadcasters and law enforcement
8 agencies, request the broadcast or dissemination of an emergency alert
9 and information provided by a law enforcement agency concerning the
10 abduction of a child, including, but not limited to, a description of the
11 abducted child, a description of the suspected abductor and the
12 circumstances of the abduction, if the following conditions are met:

13 (1) The missing person is under sixteen years of age, but, if such
14 person is over sixteen years of age, the law enforcement agency may,
15 in its discretion, request such broadcast or dissemination;

16 (2) The missing person is in danger of serious bodily harm or death;
17 and

18 (3) The law enforcement agency has enough information about the
19 physical characteristics of the missing person so that such broadcast or
20 dissemination could be effective.

21 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, no law
22 enforcement agency may request such broadcast or dissemination in
23 the case of a familial custody dispute or if the person has been
24 abandoned, as defined by section 46b-115a of the general statutes.

25 (d) No law enforcement agency shall refuse to request such
26 broadcast or dissemination for a person satisfying subsections (b) and
27 (c) of this section because such person is a runaway.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify when a law enforcement agency may request an emergency alert and to allow such a request when the missing person is a runaway.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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