



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5512

LCO No. 2348

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF A MISSING CHILD.

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

1 Section 1. Section 53-21a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) Any parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or
4 providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years who
5 knowingly leaves such child unsupervised in a place of public
6 accommodation or a motor vehicle for a period of time that presents a
7 substantial risk to the child's health or safety, shall be guilty of a class
8 A misdemeanor.

9 (b) Any parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or
10 providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years who
11 knowingly leaves such child unsupervised in a place of public
12 accommodation, which holds a permit issued under chapter 545 for
13 the sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises, for a
14 period of time that presents a substantial risk to the child's health or
15 safety, shall be guilty of a class D felony.

16 (c) Any parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or
17 providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years who
18 knowingly leaves such child unsupervised in a place of public
19 accommodation or a motor vehicle between the hours of eight o'clock
20 p.m. and six o'clock a.m. for a period of time that presents a substantial
21 risk to the child's health or safety, shall be guilty of a class C felony.

22 (d) Any parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or
23 providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years who
24 knowingly fails to report the disappearance of such child to an
25 appropriate law enforcement agency shall be guilty of a class A
26 misdemeanor. For the purposes of this subsection, "disappearance of
27 such child" means that the parent, guardian or person does not know
28 the location of the child and has not had contact with the child for a
29 twenty-four-hour period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	53-21a

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a penalty for a parent, guardian or person having custody or control, or providing supervision, of any child under the age of twelve years who knowingly fails to report the disappearance of the child.

[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.]