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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 12-112—HB 5512

Judiciary Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF A MISSING CHILD

SUMMARY: This act makes it a class A misdemeanor (see Table on Penalties) to knowingly fail to report the disappearance of a child under age 12. The duty to report applies to any parent, guardian, or person who has custody or control of, or is supervising, the child and who either does not know the child's location or has not had contact with him or her for a 24-hour period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

BACKGROUND

Leaving Children Unsupervised in a Place of Public Accommodation

Under existing law, it is a class A misdemeanor for any parent, guardian, or person with custody, control, or supervision of a child under age 12 to knowingly leave the child unsupervised in a place of public accommodation or a motor vehicle for a period of time that presents a substantial risk to the child's health or safety. It is a class C felony if the child is left between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., and a class D felony if the public accommodation holds a permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor for on-premises consumption.

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