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Committee Bill No. 709

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SILVER ALERT SYSTEM AND
MAINTAINING THE PRIVACY OF A MISSING PERSON'S MEDICAL
INFORMATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-1e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 (a) There is established a Missing Children Information
4 Clearinghouse within the Department of Emergency Services and
5 Public Protection. The clearinghouse shall be supervised by the
6 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, who shall
7 establish services deemed appropriate by the department to aid in the
8 location of missing children.

9 (b) As used in this section:

10 (1) "Missing child" means any person who is under the age of
11 eighteen years, whose temporary or permanent residence is in
12 Connecticut or is believed to be in Connecticut, whose location has not
13 been determined, and who has been reported as missing to a law
14 enforcement agency.

15 (2) "Missing child report" is a report prepared on a form designed
16 by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the
17 use by private citizens and law enforcement agencies to report missing
18 children information to the Missing Children Information
19 Clearinghouse.

20 (c) The clearinghouse is established as a central repository of
21 information regarding missing children and other missing persons.
22 Such information shall be collected and disseminated to assist in the
23 location of missing children. The clearinghouse shall:

24 (1) Establish a system of intrastate communication of information
25 relating to children determined to be missing by the parent, guardian
26 or legal custodian of the child, or by a law enforcement agency;

27 (2) Provide a centralized file for the exchange of information on
28 missing children within the state;

29 (3) Interface with the National Crime Information Center for the
30 exchange of information on children suspected of interstate travel;

31 (4) Collect, process, maintain and disseminate information on
32 missing children and shall strive to maintain or disseminate only
33 accurate and complete information;

34 (5) Establish procedures to maintain the confidentiality of the
35 medical information of any missing child or other missing person that
36 is collected, discovered or otherwise obtained pursuant to the
37 provisions of this section or section 29-1f; and

38 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Conduct investigations concerning missing children in this
39 state and cooperate with local law enforcement agencies and other
40 state and federal agencies in investigations concerning missing
41 children.

42 (d) All state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies shall
43 submit to the clearinghouse all missing child reports received by any

44 such agency.

45 (e) (1) Any parent, guardian or legal custodian may submit a
46 missing child report to the clearinghouse on any child whose
47 whereabouts is unknown, regardless of the circumstances, subsequent
48 to the reporting of such to the appropriate law enforcement agency
49 within the county in which the child became missing, which shall be
50 included in the clearinghouse data base.

51 (2) The parent, guardian or legal custodian responsible for notifying
52 the clearinghouse or a law enforcement agency of a missing child shall
53 immediately notify such agency or the clearinghouse of any child
54 whose location has been determined.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	29-1e

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse to establish protocols for maintaining the confidentiality of the medical information it collects, discovers or otherwise obtains.

[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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