



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred Engrossed House Bill No. 1303, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Replace the effective date in SECTION 3 with "[EFFECTIVE
2 UPON PASSAGE]".
- 3 Page 4, between lines 10 and 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:
4 "SECTION 3. IC 10-13-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. As used in this
6 chapter, "Amber alert program" means a program under which the
7 clearinghouse transmits information about a **missing child, including**
8 **a** recently abducted child to broadcasters who:
- 9 (1) have agreed to participate in the program; and
10 (2) immediately and repeatedly broadcast the information to the
11 general public."
- 12 Page 4, between lines 25 and 26, begin a new paragraph and insert:
13 "SECTION 5. IC 10-13-5-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.40-2024,
14 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) The clearinghouse shall operate an
16 Amber alert program, a green alert program, and a silver alert program.
17 (b) Upon the establishment of the Amber alert program, the green
18 alert program, and the silver alert program, the clearinghouse may enter
19 into an agreement with one (1) or more broadcasters to operate the
20 Amber alert program, the green alert program, and the silver alert

1 program under this chapter.

2 (c) The superintendent shall designate staff responsible for the
3 operation of the Amber alert program, the green alert program, and the
4 silver alert program.

5 (d) The department shall adopt guidelines governing the
6 clearinghouse's operation of the Amber alert program, the green alert
7 program, and the silver alert program. The department's guidelines may
8 require that staff, upon receiving a report **of a missing child** or that a
9 child has been abducted, or an endangered child, veteran at risk, or
10 endangered adult is missing, immediately send electronically or by
11 other means of communication a description of the **missing child**,
12 abducted child or missing endangered child, missing veteran at risk, or
13 missing endangered adult to one (1) or more broadcasters participating
14 in the Amber alert program, the green alert program, or the silver alert
15 program. The guidelines must include criteria that the clearinghouse
16 shall use in determining whether to issue a silver alert or green alert
17 and the geographic area or region in which to issue the silver alert or
18 green alert.

19 (e) A broadcaster participating in the Amber alert program, the
20 green alert program, or the silver alert program shall immediately
21 broadcast:

22 (1) a description of the **missing or** abducted child, missing
23 endangered child, missing veteran at risk, or missing endangered
24 adult; and

25 (2) other information that will assist in locating the **missing or**
26 abducted child, missing endangered child, missing veteran at risk,
27 or missing endangered adult;

28 to the general public in accordance with the Amber alert plan
29 agreement, green alert plan agreement, or silver alert plan agreement
30 between the clearinghouse and the broadcaster.

31 (f) The department shall adopt guidelines governing the voluntary
32 Amber alert program agreement, voluntary green alert program
33 agreement, or voluntary silver alert program agreement between the
34 clearinghouse and a broadcaster. The voluntary agreements between
35 the clearinghouse and the broadcaster may include the following
36 provisions:

37 (1) Upon receiving a notification as part of the Amber alert
38 program, green alert program, or silver alert program, the
39 broadcaster shall broadcast the information contained on the
40 notice on an intermittent basis for a period of time as provided in
41 the agreements between the clearinghouse and the broadcaster.

42 (2) The broadcaster shall treat the Amber alert notification, green

1 alert notification, or silver alert notification as an emergency.

2 (3) The broadcaster shall ensure that the form of communication
3 used to receive an Amber alert notification, a green alert
4 notification, or a silver alert notification is:

5 (A) generally available to receive an Amber alert notification,
6 a green alert notification, or a silver alert notification; and

7 (B) located such that the broadcaster will immediately become
8 aware of an incoming Amber alert notification, green alert
9 notification, or silver alert notification.

10 SECTION 6. IC 10-13-5-8.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.40-2024,
11 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8.1. (a) In addition to an agreement with a
13 broadcaster under section 8 of this chapter, the clearinghouse may enter
14 into an agreement with one (1) or more electronic billboard operators
15 to display Amber alerts, green alerts, or silver alerts under this section.
16 An agreement under this section may include a limitation on the days
17 and times that the electronic billboard operator is required to have staff
18 present to receive an Amber alert, a green alert, or a silver alert
19 notification.

20 (b) The department's guidelines adopted under section 8 of this
21 chapter may require staff, upon receiving a report **of a missing child**
22 **or** that a child has been abducted, an endangered child is missing, a
23 veteran at risk is missing, or an endangered adult is missing, to
24 immediately send electronically or by other means of communication
25 a description of the **missing or** abducted child, missing endangered
26 child, missing veteran at risk, or missing endangered adult to one (1)
27 or more electronic billboard operators participating in the Amber alert
28 program, green alert program, or silver alert program if the Amber
29 alert, green alert, or silver alert occurs during a period when the
30 electronic billboard operator has agreed to have staff present to receive
31 an Amber alert notification, a green alert notification, or a silver alert
32 notification.

33 (c) An electronic billboard operator participating in the Amber alert
34 program, green alert program, or silver alert program shall immediately
35 display:

36 (1) a description of the **missing or** abducted child, missing
37 endangered child, missing veteran at risk, or missing endangered
38 adult; and

39 (2) other information that will assist in locating the **missing or**
40 abducted child, missing endangered child, missing veteran at risk,
41 or missing endangered adult;

42 to the general public in accordance with the Amber alert plan

1 agreement, green alert plan agreement, or silver alert plan agreement
2 between the clearinghouse and the electronic billboard operator.

3 (d) The department shall adopt guidelines governing the voluntary
4 Amber alert program agreement, voluntary green alert program
5 agreement, or voluntary silver alert program agreement between the
6 clearinghouse and an electronic billboard operator. The voluntary
7 agreements between the clearinghouse and the electronic billboard
8 operator may include the following provisions:

9 (1) Upon receiving a notification as part of the Amber alert
10 program, the green alert program, or the silver alert program, the
11 electronic billboard operator shall display the information
12 contained in the notice on an intermittent basis for a period of
13 time as provided in the agreements between the clearinghouse and
14 the electronic billboard operator.

15 (2) The electronic billboard operator shall treat the Amber alert
16 notification, the green alert notification, or the silver alert
17 notification as an emergency.

18 (3) The electronic billboard operator shall ensure that the form of
19 communication used to receive an Amber alert notification, a
20 green alert notification, or a silver alert notification is:

21 (A) generally available to receive an Amber alert notification,
22 a green alert notification, or a silver alert notification; and

23 (B) located such that the electronic billboard operator will
24 immediately become aware of an incoming Amber alert
25 notification, a green alert notification, or a silver alert
26 notification received during days and times when staff is
27 present to receive an Amber alert notification, a green alert
28 notification, or a silver alert notification.

29 SECTION 7. IC 10-13-5-8.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.40-2024,
30 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8.5. (a) A broadcaster or electronic billboard
32 operator that has agreed to participate in the Amber alert program,
33 green alert program, or silver alert program and that:

34 (1) receives an Amber alert notification, a green alert notification,
35 or a silver alert notification from the department; and

36 (2) broadcasts or displays:

37 (A) a description of the **missing or** abducted child, missing
38 endangered child, missing veteran at risk, or missing
39 endangered adult contained in the notification; and

40 (B) other information contained in the notification that will
41 assist in locating the child, missing veteran at risk, or missing
42 endangered adult;

1 is immune from civil liability based on the broadcast or display of the
2 information received from the department.

3 (b) If:
4 (1) a person enters into an agreement with the department to
5 establish or maintain an Amber alert website, a green alert
6 website, or a silver alert website; and
7 (2) the agreement provides that only the department has the
8 ability to place information on the website;
9 the person is immune from civil liability for the information placed on
10 the website by the department. However, this subsection does not affect
11 the applicability of IC 34-13-3 to the department."

12 Page 46, after line 25, begin a new paragraph and insert:

13 "SECTION 38. **An emergency is declared for this act.**"

14 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to EHB 1303 as printed February 13, 2026.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

Senator Mishler, Chairperson