

HB 679 -- AMBER ALERT AND SILVER ALERT SYSTEM

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This bill changes the name of the Amber Alert System to the Amber Alert and Silver Alert System and expands its responsibilities to include aiding in the identification and location of a missing endangered person. An "endangered person" is defined as an individual who:

- (1) Does not meet the criteria for an Amber alert;
- (2) Is missing under unexplained, involuntary, or suspicious circumstances; and
- (3) Is believed to be in danger because of age, guardianship, health, mental or physical disability, environmental, or weather conditions; or
- (4) Is in the company of a potentially dangerous person or is affected by some other factor that may put the individual in peril.

An endangered person does not include anyone who is considered to be a runaway to whom specified conditions do not apply.

The bill changes the name of the Amber Alert System Oversight Committee to the Alert System Oversight Committee.