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# HOUSE BILLS NOS. 302 & 228

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety, March 9, 2017, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 650, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to law enforcement officers, with a penalty provision.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 650, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 650.520, to read as follows:

**650.520. 1. There is hereby created a statewide program called  
2 the "Blue Alert System" referred to in this section as the "system" to aid  
3 in the identification, location, and apprehension of any individual or  
4 individuals suspected of killing or seriously wounding any local, state,  
5 or federal law enforcement officer.**

6 **2. For the purposes of this section, "law enforcement officer"  
7 means any public servant having both the power and duty to make  
8 arrests for violations of the laws of this state, and federal law  
9 enforcement officers authorized to carry firearms and to make arrests  
10 for violations of the laws of the United States.**

11 **3. The department of public safety shall develop regions to  
12 provide the system. The department of public safety shall coordinate  
13 local law enforcement agencies and public commercial television and  
14 radio broadcasters to provide an effective system. In the event that a  
15 local law enforcement agency opts not to set up a system and a killing  
16 or serious wounding of a law enforcement officer occurs within the  
17 jurisdiction, it shall notify the department of public safety who will  
18 notify local media in the region.**

19 **4. The blue alert system shall include all state agencies capable**

20 of providing urgent and timely information to the public together with  
21 broadcasters and other private entities that volunteer to participate in  
22 the dissemination of urgent public information. At a minimum, the blue  
23 alert system shall include the department of public safety, highway  
24 patrol, department of transportation, and Missouri lottery.

25       5. The department of public safety shall have the authority to  
26 develop, implement, and manage the blue alert system.

27       6. Participation in a blue alert system is entirely at the option  
28 of local law enforcement agencies, federally licensed radio and  
29 television broadcasters, and other private entities that volunteer to  
30 participate in the dissemination of urgent public information.

31       7. Any person who knowingly makes a false report that triggers  
32 an alert under this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor; except  
33 that, if the false report results in serious physical injury or death, such  
34 person is guilty of a class E felony.

35       8. The department of public safety may promulgate rules for the  
36 implementation of the blue alert system. Any rule or portion of a rule,  
37 as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
38 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it  
39 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,  
40 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are  
41 nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general  
42 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date,  
43 or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held  
44 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule  
45 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2017, shall be invalid and void.

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