

Senate Engrossed House Bill

~~missing children; mandatory reporting~~  
(now: missing children; law enforcement; reporting)

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-fifth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2021

**CHAPTER 364**  
**HOUSE BILL 2098**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 5; RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding  
3 chapter 5, to read:

4 CHAPTER 5

5 MISSING CHILDREN REPORTING

6 ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

7 8-901. Missing, kidnapped or runaway children; mandatory  
8 reporting

9 A. A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A REPORT OF A MISSING,  
10 KIDNAPPED OR RUNAWAY CHILD SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

11 1. WITHIN TWO HOURS AFTER RECEIVING THE REPORT AND ALL NECESSARY  
12 AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE ARIZONA  
13 CRIME INFORMATION CENTER, THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER COMPUTER  
14 NETWORKS AND THE NATIONAL MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS SYSTEM:

15 (a) THE NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SEX, RACE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND EYE AND  
16 HAIR COLOR OF THE CHILD.

17 (b) A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CHILD, IF AVAILABLE.

18 (c) THE DATE AND LOCATION OF THE LAST KNOWN CONTACT WITH THE CHILD.

19 (d) THE CATEGORY UNDER WHICH THE CHILD IS REPORTED MISSING.

20 2. NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE ORIGINAL ENTRY OF THE  
21 RECORD, VERIFY AND UPDATE THE RECORD WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,  
22 INCLUDING, WHERE AVAILABLE, MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS AND A PHOTOGRAPH  
23 TAKEN DURING THE PREVIOUS ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS.

24 3. INSTITUTE OR ASSIST WITH APPROPRIATE SEARCH AND INVESTIGATIVE  
25 PROCEDURES.

26 4. MAINTAIN A CLOSE LIAISON WITH STATE AND LOCAL CHILD WELFARE  
27 SYSTEMS AND THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN FOR THE  
28 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE MISSING CHILD  
29 CASE.

30 5. GRANT PERMISSION TO THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER  
31 TERMINAL CONTRACTOR FOR THIS STATE TO UPDATE THE MISSING CHILD RECORD IN  
32 THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER COMPUTER NETWORKS WITH ADDITIONAL  
33 INFORMATION THAT IS LEARNED DURING THE INVESTIGATION AND THAT RELATES TO  
34 THE MISSING CHILD.

35 B. A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A REPORT OF A MISSING,  
36 KIDNAPPED OR RUNAWAY CHILD WHO IS IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM SHALL NOTIFY  
37 THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN IN ADDITION TO THE  
38 ENTITIES LISTED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

39 C. AN ENTRY MAY NOT BE REMOVED FROM ANY DATABASE OR SYSTEM UNTIL  
40 THE CHILD IS FOUND OR THE CASE IS CLOSED.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 19, 2021.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 19, 2021.