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Introduced by
Senators Miranda: Gonzales, Sundareshan; Representative De Los Santos

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-1728.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 41-1728.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 41-1728.01. Turquoise alert system; requirements; definitions

5 A. The department shall establish the turquoise alert system as a
6 quick response system designed to issue and coordinate alerts following
7 the report of a missing person.

8 B. On the request of an authorized person at a law enforcement
9 agency that is investigating a report of a missing person, the department
10 shall request an activation of the emergency alert system and issue a
11 turquoise alert if all of the following conditions are met:

12 1. The missing person is under sixty-five years of age.

13 2. The law enforcement agency investigating the missing person
14 report:

15 (a) Has used all available local resources.

16 (b) Has determined that the person **IS A RUNAWAY, IF THE PERSON IS A**
17 **CHILD, HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED OR** has gone missing under unexplained or
18 suspicious circumstances.

19 (c) Believes that the missing person is in danger or that the
20 missing person is in the company of a potentially dangerous person or that
21 there are other factors indicating that the missing person may be in
22 peril.

23 3. There is information available that, if disseminated to the
24 public, could assist in the safe recovery of the missing person.

25 4. The department has been designated to use the federally
26 authorized emergency alert system for the issuance of turquoise alerts.

27 C. If the department issues a turquoise alert pursuant to this
28 section, the department shall provide the turquoise alert information to
29 any other entity that provides similar notifications in this state.

30 **D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A TURQUOISE ALERT WHETHER OR NOT THE**
31 **DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED WHETHER THE MISSING PERSON HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED OR**
32 **IS A RUNAWAY, IF THE PERSON IS A CHILD.**

33 ~~D.~~ E. For the purposes of this section:

34 1. "Law enforcement agency" means the ~~Arizona~~ department of public
35 safety, a municipal police department, a county sheriff's office, a tribal
36 law enforcement agency ~~and~~ **OR** a federal law enforcement agency that
37 operates within this state.

38 2. "Person" includes a member of a federally recognized Indian
39 Tribe.