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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-1728.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
TURQUOISE ALERTS.

(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 STATEWIDE alerts
7 following 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 STATEWIDE 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, INCLUDING COMPLYING
16 WITH SECTION 8-901 IF THE PERSON IS A MISSING, KIDNAPPED OR RUNAWAY CHILD.

17 (b) Has determined that the person has gone missing under
18 unexplained or 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. EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

31 1. DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND REGULARLY UPDATE TRAINING CRITERIA
32 REGARDING THE TURQUOISE ALERT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

33 2. CONDUCT TURQUOISE ALERT SYSTEM TRAINING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE
34 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AT THE TIME OF HIRE AND BIANNUALLY, WHO HAVE
35 DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN MISSING PERSON CASES, INCLUDING THE SUPERVISORS OF
36 THESE EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNICATION DISPATCHERS. THE TRAINING MUST INCLUDE
37 A REVIEW OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S POLICIES AND ANY STATE POLICIES
38 REGARDING LOCATING A MISSING, ABDUCTED OR RUNAWAY CHILD, WITH A SPECIFIC
39 FOCUS ON TURQUOISE ALERT PROCEDURES. THE TRAINING SHALL BE COMPREHENSIVE
40 AND SHALL CREATE A SOLID FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE LEGAL
41 CRITERIA AND PROCESSES INVOLVED IN ISSUING A TIMELY TURQUOISE ALERT.

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

2 1. "Law enforcement agency" means the ~~Arizona~~ department of public
3 safety, a municipal police department, a county sheriff's office, a tribal
4 law enforcement agency ~~and~~ OR a federal law enforcement agency that
5 operates within this state.

6 2. "Person" includes a member of a federally recognized Indian
7 Tribe.