LEIN: MISSING SENIOR CITIZENS





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S.B. 701: COMMITTEE SUMMARY

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the uniform crime reporting Act to require law enforcement agencies to enter information into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) when a person 65 years of age or older, who was believed to be unable to return to his or her residence without assistance, was reported missing.

Under the Act, if an individual who is any of the following is reported missing, the law enforcement agency receiving the report, after conducting a preliminary investigation, immediately must enter certain information regarding the missing individual into LEIN, the NCIC, and, if the missing individual is a child, the Child Information Clearinghouse established under the Act:

- -- An individual who has a documented physical or mental disability.
- -- An individual who was in the company of another under circumstances indicating that his or her safety may be in danger.
- -- An individual who disappeared under circumstances indicating the disappearance was not voluntary.
- -- An individual who is missing as the result of a natural or intentionally caused catastrophe or extraordinary accident that causes the loss of human life.
- -- A child not described above.

The bill would add to that list an individual not otherwise described who was at least 65 and who was believed to be incapable of returning to his or her residence without assistance.

In addition, under the Act, a law enforcement agency receiving a report of a missing individual described above may or, if the individual is a child and subject to the policy established by the Child Information Clearinghouse or has Alzheimer's disease or dementia, must broadcast information regarding the individual over LEIN to all of the following:

- -- All law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction of the location where the missing individual lives or was last seen.
- -- Any other law enforcement agency that potentially could become involved in locating the missing individual.
- -- All law enforcement agencies to which the individual who reported the missing person requests the information to be sent, if the request is reasonable.

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The bill also would require the information to be broadcast to those agencies over LEIN if the missing individual were at least 65 and were believed to be incapable of returning to his or her residence without assistance.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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