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SENATE BILL 20-079

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Fields and Hisey,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Valdez D. and Beckman,

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE METHOD OF NOTIFYING PEOPLE OF AMBER ALERTS
102 TO PROMOTE THE LARGEST REACH OF COMMUNITY
103 NOTIFICATIONS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, for an Amber alert, the Colorado bureau of investigation (CBI) sends notice to the federal communication's designated state emergency system broadcaster. Instead, the bill requires the CBI to send the alert using technological applications that promote the largest reach of community notifications.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-415.7,
3 **amend** (3) introductory portion, (3)(c), and (3)(e) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-415.7. Amber alert program.** (3) The program shall
5 MUST consist of the following:

6 (c) The BUREAU SHALL SEND THE alert ~~shall be sent to the federal~~
7 ~~communications commission's designated state emergency alert system~~
8 ~~broadcaster in Colorado~~ UTILIZING TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS THAT
9 PROMOTE THE LARGEST REACH OF COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS.
10 Participating radio and television stations shall issue the alert at
11 designated intervals as specified in rule.

12 (e) The alert shall be cancelled upon bureau notification ~~to the~~
13 ~~federal communications commission's designated state emergency alert~~
14 ~~system broadcaster~~ that the child has been found or at the end of the
15 notification period, whichever occurs first. WHEN APPLICABLE, THE
16 BUREAU SHALL USE THE SAME TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS DESCRIBED
17 IN SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF THIS SECTION. Any local law enforcement agency
18 that locates a child who is the subject of an alert shall notify the bureau
19 as soon as possible that the child has been located.

20 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.