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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1741

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BLUE ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM;
9 CONCERNING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO ESTABLISH A BLUE ALERT NOTIFICATION
14 SYSTEM; AND CONCERNING EMERGENCY
15 ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 12, Subchapter 2, is
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 12-12-219. Blue Alert Notification System.

24 (a) As used in this section, "physical assault on a law enforcement
25 officer" means a physical act, the threat of a physical act, or the attempt
26 to commit a physical act by another person that results or could have
27 resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of a law enforcement officer.

28 (b) The Arkansas Crime Information Center shall establish the Blue
29 Alert Notification System as a quick response system designed to issue and
30 coordinate Blue Alerts following a physical assault on a law enforcement
31 officer.

32 (c) On the request of an authorized person at a law enforcement agency
33 that is investigating a physical assault on a law enforcement officer, the
34 center shall issue a Blue Alert if:

35 (1) A person suspected of committing a physical assault on a law
36 enforcement officer has fled the scene of the alleged physical assault on a



1 law enforcement officer;

2 (2) A law enforcement agency investigating the physical assault
3 on a law enforcement officer has determined that the person suspected of
4 committing a physical assault on a law enforcement officer poses an imminent
5 threat to the public or other law enforcement personnel; and

6 (3) Public dissemination of available information may help avert
7 further harm or accelerate apprehension of the person suspected of committing
8 a physical assault on a law enforcement officer.

9 (d) If the information is available, a Blue Alert issued under this
10 section shall include:

11 (1) A description of the person suspected of committing a
12 physical assault on a law enforcement officer; and

13 (2) A license plate number or description of a vehicle
14 containing the person suspected of committing a physical assault on a law
15 enforcement officer.

16 (e) If the center issues a Blue Alert under this section, the center
17 shall provide the Blue Alert information to any other entity that provides
18 similar notifications in this state.

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