

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 507

Introduced by Davis, 43; Bolz, 29; Campbell, 25; Cook, 13; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the development of a public notification system to broadcast alerts when vulnerable adults go missing. Numerous states have instituted such programs, which are generally referred to as "Silver Alerts" or "Missing Person Advisories." Such alerts are designed to locate vulnerable adults whose health and safety are at risk while they remain missing. The Alzheimer's State Plan Subcommittee of the Aging Nebraskans Task Force has identified the need for such a system to locate missing persons with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Identifying criteria and procedures that law enforcement agencies should use when instituting an alert;

(2) Identifying eligibility criteria to determine which vulnerable adults should be included in the alert system, such as a specific age or diagnosis of cognitive impairment;

(3) Determining who should be eligible to file a report of a missing vulnerable adult, such as spouses, legal custodians, or agencies;

(4) Considering protocols to verify that a vulnerable adult is actually missing;

(5) Determining how such alerts should be broadcast, such as via media reports, recorded calls, or highway signs;

(6) Identifying potential community and statewide partners that are available to assist in developing and executing such an alert system; and

(7) Determining whether the existing AMBER Alert System could be expanded to include additional types of missing persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.