

HOUSE BILL 2421

By Williams

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-121, relative to certain missing persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-121(a), is amended by deleting the third and fourth sentences and substituting instead the following:

This program shall be coordinated by local law enforcement agencies which may choose to seek the assistance of nonprofit organizations such as A Child is Missing, the Alzheimer's Association, or Alzheimer's Tennessee. Local law enforcement agencies are encouraged to develop area-specific protocols for implementation of this program. The Tennessee bureau of investigation is encouraged to develop an appropriate card patterned after the first two (2) sections of the Amber Alert Activation Card but addressing the situation of missing citizens who have wandered due to dementia or physical impairment. This card, if produced, would be distributed to appropriate law enforcement personnel. However, nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to mandate the development, production, and distribution of the card.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-121(c)(4), is amended by deleting the last sentence in the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

Local law enforcement agencies may choose to seek the assistance of nonprofit organizations including, but not limited to, A Child is Missing, the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Tennessee, or the Center for Human Identification.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.