

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0008

ENROLLED ACT NO. 5, SENATE

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2020 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to administration of the government; specifying duties for the division of criminal investigation, Wyoming office of homeland security, division of victim services, highway patrol and others in the reporting, investigation, emergency alert and recovery of missing persons and other offenses; requiring state cooperation with federal, tribal and local law enforcement for alert systems and investigation and resolution of criminal activity; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 9-1-616(a), 9-1-624(a) by creating new paragraphs (v) and (vi) and (b), 9-1-627(a)(iii), 9-1-638(a) by creating a new paragraph (viii), 19-13-105(c)(v), (vi) and by creating a new paragraph (vii) and 24-12-102 by creating a new subsection (c) are amended to read:

9-1-616. Cooperation with other law enforcement agencies; concurrent jurisdiction.

(a) The division shall cooperate with federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement agencies and officers for the efficient investigation of criminal activity and swift apprehension of persons suspected of violating the criminal laws of this state.

9-1-624. Division of criminal investigation; uniform procedures and forms for collecting and disseminating identification data; missing persons repository; annual crime statistics report; agencies to cooperate.

(a) The division shall:

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(v) Act as a central repository of information and operate a clearinghouse database on missing persons from Wyoming. As a function of the central repository:

(A) The division shall prepare and make publicly available an annual report on information compiled from the missing person clearinghouse. The report shall include biographical information collected on missing persons and include information submitted by federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement agencies located in Wyoming;

(B) The division may make publicly available information about ongoing missing person investigations to aid the efficient investigation and swift recovery of missing persons or when otherwise in the public interest.

(vi) At least annually, compile a report on Wyoming crime statistics and make the report publicly available. The report shall include crime statistics submitted by federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement agencies in addition to the information received pursuant to W.S. 7-19-407 and 7-20-107.

(b) All law enforcement agencies within the state shall cooperate with the division in establishing and maintaining an efficient and coordinated system of identification and in reporting missing persons information to the division.

9-1-627. Authority to compile, disseminate and exchange information; immunity; access to information limited; security precautions.

(a) Any law enforcement officer, the attorney general and his deputies and assistants, and any prosecuting attorney may:

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(iii) Disseminate and exchange criminal identification data and criminal intelligence information among themselves and among law enforcement agencies of other states, tribes or of the federal government.

9-1-638. Division of victim services; duties and responsibilities.

(a) The division of victim services shall:

(viii) Review division of criminal investigation reports from the missing person clearinghouse, as provided in W.S. 9-1-624(a)(v), and coordinate with members of the judiciary, prosecutors, defense counsel, law enforcement and others to provide training on crimes related to missing and murdered persons in the state of Wyoming, including Indian missing and murdered persons.

19-13-105. Homeland security program.

(c) The director is the administrative head of the Wyoming office of homeland security. In addition to the duties described in W.S. 19-13-104(d) the director:

(v) Shall have additional authority, duties and responsibilities authorized by this act as may be prescribed by the governor or the director; ~~and~~

(vi) May prescribe reasonable qualifications for officers and employees of local programs and reasonable regulations for the administration of local programs; ~~and~~

(vii) Shall assist and coordinate with local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies to employ

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the integrated public alert and warning system or successor system to notify residents of imminent threat by natural disaster or manmade event or to aid in the safe recovery of missing or endangered persons, which adheres to United States department of justice criteria.

24-12-102. Duties generally; emergencies; coordination.

(c) The state highway patrol shall coordinate with local, tribal, state and federal law enforcement agencies, the Wyoming office of homeland security and any other appropriate entity to operate an alert system under the integrated public alert and warning system or successor system, adhering to the United States department of justice criteria. The state highway patrol shall report annually to the division of criminal investigation the number of times and dates that the alert system was used, the age, race and gender of the abducted person, whether the abduction was thwarted and whether the alert system assisted in resolving the abduction. In addition:

(i) If the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes:

(A) Operate or seek to operate an alert system under the integrated public alert and warning system or successor system on the Wind River Reservation, adhering to the United States department of justice criteria, the Wyoming office of homeland security and state highway patrol shall assist and coordinate with any tribal agency in establishing or operating that system;

(B) Report missing or endangered persons to the state highway patrol, the state highway patrol shall

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employ the alert system under this subsection to aid in the protection of persons and safe recovery of the reported missing or endangered persons.

(ii) The state highway patrol may also use or manage other alert systems to aid in the safe recovery of missing or endangered persons.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2020.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk