

AN ACT
RELATING TO MISSING CHILDREN; PROVIDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF THE STATE REGISTRAR WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 32A-14-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
1987, Chapter 25, Section 3) is amended to read:

"32A-14-3. MISSING CHILD REPORTS--LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES--DUTIES.--

A. Upon receiving a report of a child believed to
be missing, a law enforcement agency shall:

(1) immediately enter identifying and
descriptive information about the child into the national
crime information center computer. Law enforcement agencies
having direct access to the national crime information
center computer shall enter and retrieve the data directly
and shall cooperate in the entry and retrieval of data on
behalf of law enforcement agencies that do not have direct
access to the system; and

(2) notify the state registrar within
twenty-four hours, by telephone, facsimile or electronic
transmission, of the missing child. Within three days of
this initial notification, the law enforcement agency shall
make a written notification in a manner and form prescribed
by the state registrar. Both notifications shall include

the missing child's name, date of birth, county and state of birth, the mother's maiden name, the name of the noncustodial parent if the parents are not married, the name and telephone number of a contact person at the law enforcement agency reporting and any other information required by the state registrar.

B. Immediately after a missing child is located, the law enforcement agency that located or returned the missing child shall notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the investigation, and the originating agency shall clear the entry from the national crime information center computer and shall, within twenty-four hours, notify the state registrar in writing that the missing child has been located. "