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**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; ENACTING "CAYLEE'S LAW"; CREATING NEW  
CRIMES OF FAILURE TO REPORT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A CHILD AND  
FAILURE TO REPORT THE DEATH OF A CHILD; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Criminal Code is enacted  
to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] FAILURE TO REPORT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A  
CHILD--FAILURE TO REPORT THE DEATH OF A CHILD.--

A. Failure to report the disappearance of a child  
consists of a parent or guardian having the care, custody and  
control of a child under eighteen years of age failing to  
notify a police officer or an appropriate law enforcement  
agency of the disappearance of the child within twenty-four  
hours from when the parent or guardian knew or should have

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1 known that the child was missing.

2 B. Whoever commits failure to report the  
3 disappearance of a child is guilty of a misdemeanor.

4 C. Failure to report the death of a child consists  
5 of a parent or guardian having the care, custody and control of  
6 a child under eighteen years of age failing to notify a police  
7 officer or an appropriate law enforcement agency of the death  
8 of the child within one hour from when the parent or guardian  
9 knew or should have known that the child had died and the death  
10 did not occur while the child was under the care of a health  
11 care professional or emergency medical personnel.

12 D. Whoever commits failure to report the death of a  
13 child is guilty of a misdemeanor."

14 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
15 provisions of this act is July 1, 2012.

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