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HOUSE BILL 170

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY; CREATING THE MISSING MINOR ADVISORY.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the Missing Persons Information and Reporting Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] MISSING MINOR ADVISORY.--

A. The department of public safety shall issue a missing minor advisory if the missing person is under sixteen years old and a missing person report has been filed on the missing person's behalf.

B. The department shall develop and implement missing minor advisory procedures for the purpose of disseminating, as rapidly as possible, information about a missing person under sixteen years old. The procedures shall include:

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1 (1) notification to the lead station of the
2 missing minor advisory;

3 (2) notification to other public and private
4 media sources and members of the public as necessary;

5 (3) notification to a representative of each
6 cellular service company and paging service company operating
7 in New Mexico so that a text message may be sent to the
8 companies' customers at no additional expense to the recipient
9 or to any service that accepts the information from the
10 authorized requester and delivers it to the cellular service or
11 paging service company; and

12 (4) providing information about the missing
13 person under sixteen years old, including all identifying
14 information, to the lead station and other media sources and
15 the cellular service companies and paging service companies
16 operating in New Mexico."

17 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
18 provisions of this act is July 1, 2018.