

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This bill establishes a working group to study Minnesota's need for a Silver Alert system to aid in the recovery of missing persons who are senior citizens with dementia, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, or other mental disabilities.

### Section

#### **1 Silver Alert system; working group.**

**Subd. 1. Working group established; study required.** Directs the commissioner of public safety to convene a working group to study Minnesota's need for a Silver Alert system to aid in the recovery of missing persons who are senior citizens with dementia, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, or other mental disabilities. Requires that the group assess Minnesota's current notification system and examine alert systems from other states.

**Subd. 2. Membership.** Provides that the commissioner, the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Amber Alert coordinator, and representatives from specified law enforcement, broadcast, transportation, and disability organizations must be part of the 11-person working group.

**Subd. 3. Administrative issues.** Directs the commissioner to convene the first meeting of the working group by August 15, 2015.

**Subd. 4. Report and draft legislation required.** By January 15, 2016, requires that the working group prepare and submit a report summarizing the group's activities and recommendations and prepare draft legislation to implement its recommendations.

**Subd. 5. Sunset.** Establishes an expiration date for the working group.