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Overview

This bill provides for the creation of a Blue Alert system to disseminate urgent information to the public to aid in identifying, locating, and apprehending an individual suspected of killing or injuring a law enforcement officer.

Section

1 Blue alert system.

Subdivision. 1. Establishment. Directs the Commissioner of Public Safety, in coordination with law enforcement agencies and television and radio broadcasters, to establish a Blue Alert system to disseminate urgent information to the public to aid in identifying, locating, and apprehending an individual suspected of killing or injuring a law enforcement officer.

Subd. 2. Criteria and procedures. Directs the Commissioner, in consultation with specified agencies, to develop and to adopt criteria and procedures for the system by October 1, 2015.

Subd. 3. Oversight. Directs the Commissioner to regularly review the function of the system and make changes as needed.

Subd. 4. Scope. Provides that the system will include all public agencies capable of quickly disseminating information to the public and any private entities that volunteer to participate.

Subd. 5. Additional notice. Authorizes the Commissioner to notify authorities and entities outside of the state once the system is established.

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Subd. 6. False reports. Provides that a person who knowingly makes a false report that triggers the system is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 7. Definitions. Defines “law enforcement officer.”