

AN ACT concerning local government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Missing Persons Identification Act is amended by changing Sections 5 and 10 as follows:

(50 ILCS 722/5)

Sec. 5. Missing person reports.

(a) Report acceptance. All law enforcement agencies shall accept without delay any report of a missing person and may attempt to obtain a DNA sample from the missing person or a DNA reference sample created from family members' DNA samples for submission under paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Section 10. Acceptance of a missing person report filed in person may not be refused on any ground. No law enforcement agency may refuse to accept a missing person report:

(1) on the basis that the missing person is an adult;

(2) on the basis that the circumstances do not indicate foul play;

(3) on the basis that the person has been missing for a short period of time;

(4) on the basis that the person has been missing a long period of time;

(5) on the basis that there is no indication that the

missing person was in the jurisdiction served by the law enforcement agency at the time of the disappearance;

(6) on the basis that the circumstances suggest that the disappearance may be voluntary;

(7) on the basis that the reporting individual does not have personal knowledge of the facts;

(8) on the basis that the reporting individual cannot provide all of the information requested by the law enforcement agency;

(9) on the basis that the reporting individual lacks a familial or other relationship with the missing person;

(9-5) on the basis of the missing person's mental state or medical condition; or

(10) for any other reason.

(b) Manner of reporting. All law enforcement agencies shall accept missing person reports in person. Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to accept reports by phone or by electronic or other media to the extent that such reporting is consistent with law enforcement policies or practices.

(c) Contents of report. In accepting a report of a missing person, the law enforcement agency shall attempt to gather relevant information relating to the disappearance. The law enforcement agency shall attempt to gather at the time of the report information that shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) the name of the missing person, including

alternative names used;

(2) the missing person's date of birth;

(3) the missing person's identifying marks, such as birthmarks, moles, tattoos, and scars;

(4) the missing person's height and weight;

(5) the missing person's gender;

(6) the missing person's race;

(7) the missing person's current hair color and true or natural hair color;

(8) the missing person's eye color;

(9) the missing person's prosthetics, surgical implants, or cosmetic implants;

(10) the missing person's physical anomalies;

(11) the missing person's blood type, if known;

(12) the missing person's driver's license number, if known;

(13) the missing person's social security number, if known;

(14) a photograph of the missing person; recent photographs are preferable and the agency is encouraged to attempt to ascertain the approximate date the photograph was taken;

(15) a description of the clothing the missing person was believed to be wearing;

(16) a description of items that might be with the missing person, such as jewelry, accessories, and shoes or

boots;

(17) information on the missing person's electronic communications devices, such as cellular telephone numbers and e-mail addresses;

(18) the reasons why the reporting individual believes that the person is missing;

(19) the name and location of the missing person's school or employer, if known;

(20) the name and location of the missing person's dentist or primary care physician or provider, or both, if known;

(21) any circumstances that may indicate that the disappearance was not voluntary;

(22) any circumstances that may indicate that the missing person may be at risk of injury or death;

(23) a description of the possible means of transportation of the missing person, including make, model, color, license number, and Vehicle Identification Number of a vehicle;

(24) any identifying information about a known or possible abductor or person last seen with the missing person, or both, including:

(A) name;

(B) a physical description;

(C) date of birth;

(D) identifying marks;

(E) the description of possible means of transportation, including make, model, color, license number, and Vehicle Identification Number of a vehicle;

(F) known associates;

(25) any other information that may aid in locating the missing person; and

(26) the date of last contact.

(d) Notification and follow up action.

(1) Notification. The law enforcement agency shall notify the person making the report, a family member, or other person in a position to assist the law enforcement agency in its efforts to locate the missing person of the following:

(A) general information about the handling of the missing person case or about intended efforts in the case to the extent that the law enforcement agency determines that disclosure would not adversely affect its ability to locate or protect the missing person or to apprehend or prosecute any person criminally involved in the disappearance;

(B) that the person should promptly contact the law enforcement agency if the missing person remains missing in order to provide additional information and materials that will aid in locating the missing person such as the missing person's credit cards, debit cards,

banking information, and cellular telephone records;  
and

(C) that any DNA samples provided for the missing person case are provided on a voluntary basis and will be used solely to help locate or identify the missing person and will not be used for any other purpose.

The law enforcement agency, upon acceptance of a missing person report, shall inform the reporting citizen of one of 2 resources, based upon the age of the missing person. If the missing person is under 18 years of age, contact information for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children shall be given. If the missing person is age 18 or older, contact information for the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) organization ~~Center for Missing Adults~~ shall be given.

~~Agencies handling the remains of a missing person who is deceased must notify the agency handling the missing person's case. Documented efforts must be made to locate family members of the deceased person to inform them of the death and location of the remains of their family member.~~

The law enforcement agency is encouraged to make available informational materials, through publications or electronic or other media, that advise the public about how the information or materials identified in this subsection are used to help locate or identify missing persons.

(2) Follow up action. If the person identified in the

missing person report remains missing after 30 days, but not more than 60 days, the law enforcement agency may generate a report of the missing person within the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs), and the law enforcement agency may attempt to obtain the additional information and materials that have not been received, specified below ~~and the additional information and materials specified below have not been received, the law enforcement agency shall attempt to obtain:~~

(A) DNA samples from family members or from the missing person along with any needed documentation, or both, including any consent forms, required for the use of State or federal DNA databases, including, but not limited to, the Local DNA Index System (LDIS), State DNA Index System (SDIS), ~~and~~ National DNA Index System (NDIS), and National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) partner laboratories;

(B) an authorization to release dental or skeletal x-rays of the missing person;

(C) any additional photographs of the missing person that may aid the investigation or an identification; the law enforcement agency is not required to obtain written authorization before it releases publicly any photograph that would aid in the investigation or identification of the missing person;

(D) dental information and x-rays; and

(E) fingerprints.

(3) Samples collected for DNA analysis may be submitted to a National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) partner laboratory or other resource where DNA profiles are entered into local, State, and national DNA Index Systems within 60 days ~~All DNA samples obtained in missing person cases shall be immediately forwarded to the Department of State Police for analysis.~~ The Department of State Police shall establish procedures for determining how to prioritize analysis of the samples relating to missing person cases. All DNA samples obtained in missing person cases from family members of the missing person may not be retained after the location or identification of the remains of the missing person unless there is a search warrant signed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(4) This subsection shall not be interpreted to preclude a law enforcement agency from attempting to obtain the materials identified in this subsection before the expiration of the 30-day period. The responsible law enforcement agency may make a National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) report on the missing person within 60 days after the report of the disappearance of the missing person.

(5) Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to establish written protocols for the handling of missing person cases to accomplish the purposes of this Act.



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(50 ILCS 722/10)

Sec. 10. Law enforcement analysis and reporting of missing person information.

(a) Prompt determination and definition of a high-risk missing person.

(1) Definition. "High-risk missing person" means a person whose whereabouts are not currently known and whose circumstances indicate that the person may be at risk of injury or death. The circumstances that indicate that a person is a high-risk missing person include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

(A) the person is missing as a result of a stranger abduction;

(B) the person is missing under suspicious circumstances;

(C) the person is missing under unknown circumstances;

(D) the person is missing under known dangerous circumstances;

(E) the person is missing more than 30 days;

(F) the person has already been designated as a high-risk missing person by another law enforcement agency;

(G) there is evidence that the person is at risk

because:

(i) the person is in need of medical attention, including but not limited to persons with dementia-like symptoms, or prescription medication;

(ii) the person does not have a pattern of running away or disappearing;

(iii) the person may have been abducted by a non-custodial parent;

(iv) the person is mentally impaired, including, but not limited to, a person having a developmental disability, as defined in Section 1-106 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, or a person having an intellectual disability, as defined in Section 1-116 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code;

(v) the person is under the age of 21;

(vi) the person has been the subject of past threats or acts of violence;

(vii) the person has eloped from a nursing home;

(G-5) the person is a veteran or active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces who is believed to have a physical or mental

health condition that is related to his or her service;  
or

(H) any other factor that may, in the judgment of the law enforcement official, indicate that the missing person may be at risk.

(b) ~~(2)~~ Law enforcement risk assessment.

(1) ~~(A)~~ Upon initial receipt of a missing person report, the law enforcement agency shall immediately determine whether there is a basis to determine that the missing person is a high-risk missing person.

(2) ~~(B)~~ If a law enforcement agency has previously determined that a missing person is not a high-risk missing person, but obtains new information, it shall immediately determine whether the information indicates that the missing person is a high-risk missing person.

(3) ~~(C)~~ Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to establish written protocols for the handling of missing person cases to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

(c) Law enforcement reporting ~~(3) Law enforcement agency reports.~~

(1) ~~(A)~~ The responding local law enforcement agency shall immediately enter all collected information relating to the missing person case in the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) databases and the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) within 45 days after

the receipt of the report, or in the case of a high risk missing person, within 30 days after the receipt of the report. If the DNA sample submission is to a National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) partner laboratory, the DNA profile may be uploaded by the partner laboratory to the National DNA Index System (NDIS). A packet submission of all relevant reports and DNA samples may be sent to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) within 30 days for any high-risk missing person cases. The information shall be provided in accordance with applicable guidelines relating to the databases. The information shall be entered as follows:

(A) If Department of State Police laboratories are utilized in lieu of National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) partner laboratories, all ~~(i)~~ ~~All~~ appropriate DNA profiles, as determined by the Department of State Police, shall be uploaded into the missing person databases of the State DNA Index System (SDIS) and National DNA Index System (NDIS) after completion of the DNA analysis and other procedures required for database entry. The responding local law enforcement agency may submit any DNA samples voluntarily obtained from family members to a National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) partner laboratory for DNA analysis within 30 days. A notation of DNA submission may be made within the

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System  
(NamUs) record.

(B) ~~(ii)~~ Information relevant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program shall be entered as soon as possible.

(C) ~~(iii)~~ The Department of State Police shall ensure that persons entering data relating to medical or dental records in State or federal databases are specifically trained to understand and correctly enter the information sought by these databases. The Department of State Police shall either use a person with specific expertise in medical or dental records for this purpose or consult with a chief medical examiner, forensic anthropologist, or odontologist to ensure the accuracy and completeness of information entered into the State and federal databases.

(2) ~~(B)~~ The Department of State Police shall immediately notify all law enforcement agencies within this State and the surrounding region of the information that will aid in the prompt location and safe return of the high-risk missing person.

(3) ~~(C)~~ The local law enforcement agencies that receive the notification from the Department of State Police shall notify officers to be on the lookout for the missing person or a suspected abductor.

(4) ~~(D)~~ Pursuant to any applicable State criteria, local law enforcement agencies shall also provide for the prompt use of an Amber Alert in cases involving abducted children; or use of the Endangered Missing Person Advisory in appropriate high risk cases.

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2021.