

HB 1840 -- Precious Doe Hotline

Sponsor: Brown (50)

This bill creates the Precious Doe Hotline to be operated and maintained by the Department of Public Safety. The hotline will operate at all times and be capable of receiving and maintaining reports regarding the disappearance of children under suspicious circumstances. The bill also requires certain professionals that are engaged in the examination, care, treatment, or research of persons or with responsibility for the care of children to immediately report to the Department of Public Safety if they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child has disappeared or is the subject of suspicious circumstances affecting the health, safety, and well-being of the child. Any person making a report who is not a mandated reporter will receive a monetary award depending on the outcome of the child's case. The Precious Doe Hotline Reward Fund is created, and moneys in the fund will be used solely for providing these rewards.