

HB 697 -- AMBER ALERT SYSTEM

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 8 to 0.

Currently, there are no meeting requirements for the Amber Alert System Oversight Committee. This bill requires the committee to meet at least annually to discuss potential improvements to the Amber Alert System.

The bill establishes Hailey's Law that requires the Amber Alert System to be integrated into the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System to expedite the reporting of child abductions.

This bill is similar to HB 635 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that it is important to review the system annually because there could be ways to make the system more efficient as time goes on.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Trent; James (Jim) D. Wood; and Missouri Kids First.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.