

HB 1378 -- HAILEY'S LAW

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 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 (MULES) to expedite the reporting of child abductions.

This bill is the same as HB 697 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that we need to integrate our Amber Alert system and make sure the oversight board is meeting regularly and running properly. It is possible that abductions might be deterred if people know there will be an alert going out immediately.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Trent; Missouri Missing; Missouri Broadcasters Association; Missouri for Alternatives to the Death Penalty; Les Masters; and Missouri Police Chiefs Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.