

CHAPTER 36--S.F.No. 857

An act relating to public safety; establishing a working group to study and make recommendations on establishing a Silver Alert system; requiring a report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. SILVER ALERT SYSTEM WORKING GROUP.

Subdivision 1. Working group established; study required; duties. The commissioner of public safety shall convene a Silver Alert system working group to study the state's need for a Silver Alert system to aid in the recovery of missing persons who are senior citizens with dementia, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, or other mental disabilities. If the working group concludes that the state needs a Silver Alert system, the group shall make recommendations on the establishment of a Silver Alert system including, but not limited to, criteria for activating the system. When studying this issue, the working group shall assess the state's current notification systems used to locate missing persons, including the state's Amber Alert system, and examine alert systems from other states to determine the most successful methods for locating missing vulnerable senior citizens.

Subd. 2. Membership. The working group shall consist of 11 members as follows:

(1) the commissioner of public safety or a designee;

(2) the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension or a designee;

(3) the Amber Alert coordinator or a designee;

(4) one person employed by the Department of Transportation, appointed by the commissioner of transportation;

(5) one person from the Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council, appointed by the commissioner of human services; and

(6) one representative appointed by the commissioner of public safety from each of the following groups:

(i) a person working for Tubman in the area of elder care;

(ii) the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

(iii) the Minnesota Sheriff's Association;

(iv) the Minnesota Broadcasters Association;

(v) the Alzheimer's Association; and

(vi) the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance.

In selecting these representatives, the commissioner of public safety shall solicit nominees from each of these groups and shall ensure that the working group has expertise and a broad range of interests represented, including multicultural perspectives.

Subd. 3. **Administrative issues.** The commissioner of public safety shall convene the first meeting of the working group by August 15, 2015. The Department of Public Safety shall provide meeting space and administrative support to the working group. The working group shall select a chair from among its members.

Subd. 4. **Report and draft legislation required.** By January 15, 2016, the working group shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over public safety and human services. The report must summarize the working group's activities and include its recommendations. The recommendations must be specific and include estimates of the costs involved in implementing the recommendations, including funding sources. In addition, the report must include draft legislation to implement the recommendations.

Subd. 5. **Sunset.** The working group expires the day after submitting the report required under subdivision 4 or February 15, 2016, whichever is earlier.

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Signed by the governor May 14, 2015, 6:53 p.m.