

1-1 By: Oliverson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 2660  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;  
1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
1-4 Justice; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the duties of a law enforcement agency regarding  
1-18 missing children and missing persons.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as Tim's Law.

1-21 SECTION 2. Article [63.009](#)(a), Code of Criminal Procedure,  
1-22 is amended to read as follows:

1-23 (a) A law enforcement agency, on receiving a report of a  
1-24 missing child or missing person, shall:

1-25 (1) if the subject of the report is a child and the  
1-26 child is at a high risk of harm or is otherwise in danger or if the  
1-27 subject of the report is a person who is known by the agency to have  
1-28 or is reported to have chronic dementia, including Alzheimer's  
1-29 dementia, whether caused by illness, brain defect, or brain injury,  
1-30 immediately start an investigation in order to determine the  
1-31 present location of the child or person;

1-32 (2) if the subject of the report is a child or person  
1-33 other than a child or person described by Subdivision (1), start an  
1-34 investigation with due diligence in order to determine the present  
1-35 location of the child or person;

1-36 (3) immediately, but not later than two hours after  
1-37 receiving the report, enter the name of the child or person into the  
1-38 clearinghouse and the national crime information center missing  
1-39 person file if the child or person meets the center's criteria, and  
1-40 report that name to the Alzheimer's Association Safe Return  
1-41 emergency response center if applicable, with all available  
1-42 identifying features such as dental records, fingerprints, other  
1-43 physical characteristics, and a description of the clothing worn  
1-44 when last seen, and all available information describing any person  
1-45 reasonably believed to have taken or retained the missing child or  
1-46 missing person;

1-47 (4) not later than 48 hours after receiving the  
1-48 report, electronically submit to each municipal or county law  
1-49 enforcement agency within 200 miles the report and any information  
1-50 that may help determine the present location of the child or person;

1-51 (5) not later than the 60th day after the date the  
1-52 agency receives the report, enter the name of the child or person  
1-53 into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, with all  
1-54 available identifying features such as dental records,  
1-55 fingerprints, other physical characteristics, and a description of  
1-56 the clothing worn when last seen, and all available information  
1-57 describing any person reasonably believed to have taken or retained  
1-58 the missing child or missing person; and

1-59 (6) [~~5~~] inform the person who filed the report of  
1-60 the missing child or missing person that the information will be:

1-61 (A) entered into the clearinghouse, the national

2-1 crime information center missing person file, and the National  
2-2 Missing and Unidentified Persons System; ~~and~~

2-3 (B) reported to the Alzheimer's Association Safe  
2-4 Return emergency response center if applicable; and

2-5 (C) submitted to each municipal or county law  
2-6 enforcement agency within 200 miles.

2-7 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
2-8 to a report of a missing child or missing person that is made to a  
2-9 law enforcement agency on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
2-10 report of a missing child or missing person that is made to a law  
2-11 enforcement agency before the effective date of this Act is  
2-12 governed by the law in effect on the date the report was made, and  
2-13 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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