

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In March 2021, Timothy Perez was reported missing to the Austin Police Department. A few days later, the police department in Round Rock, a neighboring city, encountered Timothy. However, since the Austin Police Department and the Round Rock Police Department were not sharing missing persons information, the Round Rock Police Department did not know Timothy was a missing person in distress. Timothy was not detained and was later found deceased.

Under current law, law enforcement agencies are not required to notify neighboring jurisdictions when they receive a missing persons report.

H.B. 2660 will require law enforcement agencies to electronically send missing person reports, no later than 48 hours after receiving the initial report, to each municipal and county law enforcement agency within 200 miles.

H.B. 2660 amends current law relating to the duties of a law enforcement agency regarding missing children and missing persons.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Authorizes this Act to be cited as Tim's Law.

SECTION 2. Amends Article 63.009(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, as follows:

(a) Requires a law enforcement agency, on receiving a report of a missing child or missing person, to:

(1)-(3) makes no changes to these subdivisions;

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

(5) redesignates existing Subdivision (4) as Subdivision (5); and

(6) redesignates existing Subdivision (5) as Subdivision (6). Requires a law enforcement agency to inform the person who filed the report of the missing child or missing person that the information will be:

(A)-(B) makes no changes to these paragraphs; and

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

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2023.