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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notification requirements for law enforcement agencies regarding a missing child with an intellectual disability or mental illness.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 63, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 63.0093 to read as follows:

Art. 63.0093.  NOTIFICATION REGARDING MISSING CHILD WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR MENTAL ILLNESS. (a) In this article, "intellectual disability" and "mental illness" have the meanings assigned by Article 46B.001.

(b)  As soon as practicable after a law enforcement agency arrests or detains a missing child with an intellectual disability or mental illness, the agency shall notify the missing child's parent, managing conservator, or guardian regarding the agency's detention or arrest.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.