

1-1 By: Stucky, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 3556  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;  
1-3 May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
1-4 Justice; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 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 a local area activation of the alert system for certain  
1-18 missing children.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
1-21 amended by adding Section 411.3555 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 411.3555. LOCAL AREA ACTIVATION FOR CERTAIN MISSING  
1-23 CHILDREN. On the request of a local law enforcement agency that  
1-24 knows a child is missing but has not verified the criteria described  
1-25 by Section 411.355(a), and if the chief law enforcement officer of  
1-26 the local law enforcement agency believes that activation of the  
1-27 alert system is warranted, the department shall:

1-28 (1) activate the alert system only in the following  
1-29 areas:

1-30 (A) within a 100-mile radius of the location from  
1-31 which the child is believed to have gone missing or the location in  
1-32 which the child was last seen, as applicable; and

1-33 (B) in all counties adjacent to the county from  
1-34 which the child is believed to have gone missing or the county in  
1-35 which the child was last seen, as applicable; and

1-36 (2) notify appropriate participants in the alert  
1-37 system, as established by rule.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 411.356, Government Code, is amended to  
1-39 read as follows:

1-40 Sec. 411.356. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. Before  
1-41 requesting activation of the alert system, a local law enforcement  
1-42 agency must verify that the criteria described by Section  
1-43 411.355(a) or (b) or 411.3555, as applicable, have been  
1-44 satisfied. On verification of the applicable criteria, the local  
1-45 law enforcement agency shall immediately contact the department to  
1-46 request activation and shall supply the necessary information on  
1-47 the forms prescribed by the director.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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