

HB 2248 -- AMBER ALERT SYSTEM

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This bill requires the Amber Alert System Oversight Committee to meet at least annually to discuss potential improvements to the Amber Alert System.

Currently, the committee consists of 10 members, seven of whom are appointed by the Governor including two representatives from the Missouri Sheriff's Association, two representatives from the Missouri Police Chief's Association, one representative from small market radio broadcasters, one representative from large market radio broadcasters, and one representative from television broadcasters. The other members of the committee consist of one representative from the State Highway Patrol, one representative from the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Director of the Department of Public Safety, who chairs the committee. The bill adds a representative from the outdoor advertising industry and one member from the public at large to the potential members to serve on the 10 person committee.

The bill establishes Hailey's Law that requires the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System to be integrated to interface with the Amber Alert System to expedite the reporting of child abductions.