

HCS HB 185 -- HAILEY'S LAW

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, there are no meeting requirements for the Amber Alert System Oversight Committee. This bill requires the committee to meet at least annually to discuss potential improvements to the Amber Alert System.

The bill establishes "Hailey's Law," which requires the Amber Alert System to be integrated into the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) to expedite the reporting of child abductions.

This bill is the same as HB 1378 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that getting alerts out quickly could potentially save many lives. Frequent meetings would help ensure that the system is up-to-date and all improvements remain current. Though these improvements may not have been able to save the child after whom this bill was named, this might help prevent future tragedies.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Trent; Jim Wood; Josh Schisler, and Missouri Missing.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.