

HCS HB 1840 -- ALERT SYSTEM FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES (Gallick)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Children and Families

This bill establishes "RJ's Law."

The bill creates within the Department of Public Safety a program called the "Purple Alert System" to aid in the identification and location of missing persons with "developmental disabilities", as defined in the bill, whose disappearance poses a credible threat of immediate danger or serious bodily harm to themselves.

Prior to July 1, 2027, the Department must, along with the State Highway Patrol, Department of Transportation, Department of Health and Senior Services, the State lottery, and local law enforcement, develop a training program and alert system for missing persons with developmental disabilities and establish policies and procedures for responding to a reported missing person emergency for missing persons with developmental disabilities. The Department of Public safety will administer and create rules for the implementation of the alert system.

This bill contains an emergency clause.