

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 15, 2010

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 23, 2010

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 18, 2010

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 8, 2009

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 29, 2009

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 14, 2009

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1022

Introduced by Assembly Members Nava and Cook

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 14201.8 to the Penal Code, relating to missing children.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1022, as amended, Nava. Missing children.

Existing law provides that the Attorney General shall establish and maintain the Violent Crime Information Center to assist in the identification and the apprehension of persons responsible for specific violent crimes and for the disappearance and exploitation of persons, particularly children and dependent adults. Existing law provides that the Attorney General shall establish the Missing and Exploited Children's Recovery Network which shall consist of an automated computerized system that shall have the capability to electronically transmit information pertaining to missing children to all state and local law enforcement agencies, as specified.

This bill would establish within the Department of Justice a director position for the purposes of assisting law enforcement agencies with the timely search and recovery of at-risk abducted children and children, maintaining up-to-date knowledge and expertise of those protocols, best practices, and technologies that are most effective for recovering missing children, *maintaining relationships with law enforcement agencies and other entities responsible for the investigation of missing persons, and providing oversight and maintenance of the state’s Child Abduction First Responder List.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14201.8 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:

3 14201.8. (a) There shall be within the Department of Justice
4 a director responsible for coordinating California’s response to
5 missing persons. This position is hereby established for all of the
6 following purposes:

7 (1) To assist law enforcement agencies, at their request, with
8 the timely search and recovery of at-risk abducted children.

9 (2) To maintain up-to-date knowledge and expertise of those
10 protocols, best practices, and technologies that are most effective
11 for recovering missing children in a timely manner.

12 (3) *To maintain relationships with federal, state, and local law*
13 *enforcement agencies and other entities responsible for the*
14 *investigation of missing persons in the state.*

15 (4) *To provide oversight and maintenance of the state’s Child*
16 *Abduction First Responder List.*

17 (b) The director shall utilize existing resources and expertise
18 within the Attorney General’s office to the maximum extent
19 possible to accomplish the purposes specified in subdivision (a).

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