Senate Bill No. 1330

CHAPTER 544

An act to amend Section 14215 of the Penal Code, relating to missing persons.

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SB 1330, Galgiani. Missing persons.

Existing law requires the Attorney General to maintain a directory of at-risk missing persons. Existing law requires police or sheriff departments, if there is evidence that a missing person is at-risk, to broadcast a bulletin within its jurisdiction. Existing law defines at-risk as including, among other things, a missing person who is mentally impaired.

This bill would clarify that an at-risk missing person includes a person who is cognitively impaired or developmentally disabled.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14215 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

- 14215. (a) As used in this title, "missing person" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:
 - (1) An at-risk adult.
- (2) A child who has been taken, detained, concealed, enticed away, or retained by a parent in violation of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 277) of Title 9 of Part 1.
- (3) A child who is missing voluntarily or involuntarily, or under circumstances not conforming to his or her ordinary habits or behavior and who may be in need of assistance.
- (b) As used in this title, "at-risk" means there is evidence of, or there are indications of, any of the following:
 - (1) The person missing is the victim of a crime or foul play.
 - (2) The person missing is in need of medical attention.
 - (3) The person missing has no pattern of running away or disappearing.
 - (4) The person missing may be the victim of parental abduction.
- (5) The person missing is mentally impaired, including cognitively impaired or developmentally disabled.
 - (c) As used in this title, "child" is any person under 18 years of age.
- (d) As used in this title, "center" means the Violent Crime Information Center.

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(e) As used in this title, "dental or medical records or X-rays" include all those records or X-rays which are in the possession of a dentist, physician and surgeon, or medical facility.

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(f) As used in this title, "unidentified person" means a person, living or deceased, whose identity the local investigative agency is unable to determine.