



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 710

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1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 165.785 (1); **to amend** 165.785 (2); and **to**
2 **create** 165.785 (1) (b) 2., 165.785 (2m) and 175.51 of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 alerts for missing adults at risk and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Department of Justice (DOJ) currently administers an integrated crime alert network and may use the network to provide to state agencies, law enforcement, or the public information regarding criminal activity, crime prevention, and missing or endangered persons. This bill requires DOJ to allow law enforcement agencies to use the network to disseminate to broadcasters and outdoor advertisers reports of missing adults who are at least 65 years of age and cognitively impaired. The bill also requires that DOJ solicit input from organizations that focus on individuals 65 and older regarding guidelines for such alerts and that DOJ maintain a list of organizations engaged in broadcasting or outdoor advertisement activities that have agreed to be recipients of alerts. This bill authorizes a new position at DOJ for performing the new duties under this bill.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 165.785 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 165.785 (1) (a) and
2 amended to read:

3 165.785 (1) (a) In addition to its duties under ss. 165.50 and 165.78, the
4 department ~~may~~ shall develop, administer, and maintain an integrated crime alert
5 network.

6 (b) 1. The department may use the network under par. (a) to provide
7 information regarding known or suspected criminal activity, crime prevention, and
8 missing or endangered persons to state agencies, law enforcement officers, and
9 members of the private sector.

10 **SECTION 2.** 165.785 (1) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

11 165.785 (1) (b) 2. The department shall ensure that a law enforcement agency
12 may access the network under par. (a) to disseminate a report under s. 175.51 to
13 persons on the list maintained under sub. (2m) (c).

14 **SECTION 3.** 165.785 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 165.785 (2) The department may charge a fee to members of the private sector
16 who receive information under sub. (1) (a).

17 **SECTION 4.** 165.785 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

18 165.785 (2m) (a) 1. The department shall provide a form for reports of missing
19 adults at risk under s. 175.51 that law enforcement agencies can access through the
20 integrated crime alert network.

21 2. The department shall train law enforcement officers on identifying reports
22 of adults at risk that are appropriate for dissemination under sub. (1) (b) 2., using
23 the form provided under subd. 1., and accessing the network to disseminate the
24 report.

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1 (b) The department shall solicit input from private organizations with missions
2 focused on individuals who are at least 65 years of age to determine guidelines for
3 disseminating reports made under s. 175.51 and to receive feedback on the forms
4 provided under par. (a) 1. and on the list maintained under par. (c).

5 (c) The department shall maintain a list of persons that are engaged in
6 broadcasting or outdoor advertising, that have agreed to be on the list, and that
7 would be appropriate recipients of reports disseminated under sub. (1) (b) 2.

8 **SECTION 5.** 175.51 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **175.51 Reports of missing adults at risk. (1)** In this section, “adult at risk”
10 means an individual who is at least 65 years of age and who has a developmental
11 disability, who suffers from Alzheimer’s disease or dementia, or who suffers from or
12 could, without access to medication, suffer from cognitive impairment if the
13 impairment would likely render the adult incapable of getting to a familiar location
14 without assistance.

15 **(2)** If a law enforcement agency receives a report of a missing adult at risk, the
16 law enforcement agency may use the form under s. 165.785 (2m) (a) 1. to disseminate
17 the report using the integrated crime alert network.

18 **SECTION 6. Fiscal changes.**

19 **(1) ALERT FOR ADULTS AT RISK.** In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the
20 statutes for the appropriation to the department of justice under section 20.455 (2)
21 (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by
22 \$64,500 for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection
23 takes effect to increase the authorized FTE positions by 1.0 GPR position to perform
24 the duties associated with the alert for adults at risk under section 165.785 of the
25 statutes, as affected by this act.

