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A bill for an act

relating to public safety; establishing a working group to study and make recommendations on establishing a Silver Alert system; requiring a report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **SILVER ALERT SYSTEM; WORKING GROUP.**

Subdivision 1. Working group established; study required. The commissioner of public safety shall convene a working group to study the state's need for a Silver Alert system to aid in the recovery of missing persons who are senior citizens with dementia, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, or other mental disabilities. If the working group concludes that the state needs a Silver Alert system, the group shall make recommendations on the establishment of a Silver Alert system including, but not limited to, criteria for activating the system. When studying this issue, the working group shall assess the state's current notification systems used to locate missing persons, including the state's Amber Alert system, and examine alert systems from other states to determine the most successful methods for locating missing vulnerable senior citizens.

Subd. 2. Membership. The working group shall include the commissioner or a designee, the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Amber Alert coordinator, and representatives of the following groups: Elder Care Alliance, the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, the Minnesota Broadcasters Association, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Alzheimer's Association, and the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance. The commissioner shall ensure that the working group has expertise and a broad range of interests represented, including multicultural perspectives.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Administrative issues.** The commissioner shall convene the first meeting
2.2 of the working group by September 15, 2015. The Department of Public Safety shall
2.3 provide meeting space and administrative support to the working group. The working
2.4 group shall select a chair from among its members.

2.5 Subd. 4. **Report and draft legislation required.** By January 15, 2016, the working
2.6 group shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and
2.7 house of representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over public safety
2.8 and human services. The report must summarize the working group's activities and include
2.9 its recommendations. The recommendations must be specific and include estimates of
2.10 the costs involved in implementing the recommendations, including funding sources. In
2.11 addition, the report must include draft legislation to implement the recommendations.