

**299C.54 MISSING CHILDREN BULLETIN.**

Subdivision 1. **Distribution.** The commissioner shall distribute a missing children bulletin on a quarterly basis to local law enforcement agencies, county attorneys, and public and nonpublic schools. The commissioner shall also make this information accessible to other parties involved in efforts to locate missing children and to other persons as the commissioner considers appropriate.

Subd. 2. **Photograph.** The commissioner shall provide appropriate local law enforcement agencies with a list of missing children, with an appropriate waiver form to assist the agency in obtaining a photograph of each missing child. Local agencies shall obtain the most recent photograph available for missing children and forward those photographs to the commissioner. The commissioner shall include these photographs, as they become available, in the quarterly bulletins.

Subd. 3. **Included with mailing.** State and local elected officials and agencies may enclose in their mailings information regarding missing children obtained from law enforcement agencies or from any organization that is recognized as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under state or federal law and has an ongoing missing children program. Elected officials and commissioners of state agencies are urged to develop policies to enclose missing children information in mailings when it will not increase postage costs and is otherwise considered appropriate.

Subd. 3a. **Collection of data.** Identifying information on missing children entered into the NCIC computer regarding cases that are still active at the time the missing children bulletin is compiled each quarter may be included in the bulletin.

Subd. 4. **Data classification.** The information included in the missing children bulletin is public data as defined in section 13.01, subdivision 15.

**History:** 1991 c 285 s 7; 1993 c 326 art 10 s 9