



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1548

Introduced 2/4/2025, by Sen. Paul Faraci

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Illinois State Police Law. Provides that the Illinois State Police, in cooperation with the Golden Search Task Force, shall develop as part of the Endangered Missing Person Advisory a coordinated statewide awareness program and toolkit, which shall be referred to as the Golden Search, to be used when there is a missing person who is believed to be a person having a developmental disability or a person having an intellectual disability. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall complete development and deployment of the Golden Search Awareness Program and toolkit on or before July 1, 2026. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall establish a Golden Search Task Force within 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act to assist the Illinois State Police in development and deployment of the Golden Search Awareness Program and toolkit. Provides that the Task Force shall monitor and review the implementation and operation of that program, including procedures, budgetary requirements, standards, and minimum requirements for the training of law enforcement personnel on how to interact appropriately and effectively with individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Sets forth membership of the Task Force. Provides that the Director of the Illinois State Police or the Director's designee shall serve as Chair of the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall meet at least twice a year and shall provide a report on the operations of the Golden Search Program to the General Assembly and the Governor each year by June 30th. Provides that the Child Safety Coordinator shall act in the capacity of Golden Search Program Coordinator in addition to the Child Safety Coordinator's other duties. Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board shall conduct a training program for law enforcement personnel of local governmental agencies in the statewide coordinated Golden Search Awareness Program and toolkit. Provides that the Board shall adopt written protocols and guidelines for the handling of missing persons cases involving a person having a developmental disability or a person having an intellectual disability based upon protocols developed by the Golden Search Task Force in conjunction with the Illinois State Police on or before July 1, 2026.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois State Police Law of the Civil
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section
6 2605-485 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2605/2605-485)

8 Sec. 2605-485. Endangered Missing Person Advisory.

9 (a) A coordinated program known as the Endangered Missing
10 Person Advisory is established within the Illinois State
11 Police. The purpose of the Endangered Missing Person Advisory
12 is to provide a regional system for the rapid dissemination of
13 information regarding a missing person who is believed to be a
14 high-risk missing person as defined in Section 10 of the
15 Missing Persons Identification Act.

16 (b) The AMBER Plan Task Force, established under Section
17 2605-480 of this Law, shall serve as the task force for the
18 Endangered Missing Person Advisory. The AMBER Plan Task Force
19 shall monitor and review the implementation and operation of
20 the regional system developed under subsection (a), including
21 procedures, budgetary requirements, and response protocols.
22 The AMBER Plan Task Force shall also develop additional
23 network resources for use in the system.

1 (c) The Illinois State Police, in coordination with the
2 Illinois Department on Aging, shall develop and implement a
3 community outreach program to promote awareness among the
4 State's healthcare facilities, nursing homes, assisted living
5 facilities, and other senior centers. The guidelines and
6 procedures shall ensure that specific health information about
7 the missing person is not made public through the alert or
8 otherwise.

9 (c-5) Subject to appropriation, the Illinois State Police,
10 in coordination with the Illinois Department of Human
11 Services, shall develop and implement a community outreach
12 program to promote awareness of the Endangered Missing Person
13 Advisory among applicable entities, including, but not limited
14 to, developmental disability facilities as defined in Section
15 1-107 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
16 Code. The guidelines and procedures shall ensure that specific
17 health information about the missing person is not made public
18 through the alert or otherwise.

19 (d) The Child Safety Coordinator, created under Section
20 2605-480 of this Law, shall act in the dual capacity of Child
21 Safety Coordinator and Endangered Missing Person Coordinator.
22 The Coordinator shall assist in the establishment of State
23 standards and monitor the availability of federal funding that
24 may become available to further the objectives of the
25 Endangered Missing Person Advisory. The Illinois State Police
26 shall provide technical assistance for the Coordinator from

1 its existing resources.

2 (e)(1) The Illinois State Police, in cooperation with the
3 Silver Search Task Force, shall develop as part of the
4 Endangered Missing Person Advisory a coordinated statewide
5 awareness program and toolkit to be used when a person 21 years
6 of age or older who is believed to have Alzheimer's disease,
7 other related dementia, or other dementia-like cognitive
8 impairment is reported missing, which shall be referred to as
9 Silver Search.

10 (2) The Illinois State Police shall complete development
11 and deployment of the Silver Search Awareness Program and
12 toolkit on or before July 1, 2017.

13 (3) The Illinois State Police shall establish a Silver
14 Search Task Force within 90 days after the effective date of
15 this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly to assist the
16 Illinois State Police in development and deployment of the
17 Silver Search Awareness Program and toolkit. The Task Force
18 shall establish the criteria and create a toolkit, which may
19 include usage of Department of Transportation signs, under
20 Section 2705-505.6 of the Department of Transportation Law of
21 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. The Task Force
22 shall monitor and review the implementation and operation of
23 that program, including procedures, budgetary requirements,
24 standards, and minimum requirements for the training of law
25 enforcement personnel on how to interact appropriately and
26 effectively with individuals that suffer from Alzheimer's

1 disease, other dementia, or other dementia-like cognitive
2 impairment. The Task Force shall also develop additional
3 network and financial resources for use in the system. The
4 Task Force shall include, but is not limited to, one
5 representative from each of the following:

6 (A) the Illinois State Police;

7 (B) the Department on Aging;

8 (C) the Department of Public Health;

9 (D) the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards
10 Board;

11 (E) the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and
12 Office of Homeland Security;

13 (F) the Secretary of State;

14 (G) the Department of Transportation;

15 (H) the Department of the Lottery;

16 (I) the Illinois Toll Highway Authority;

17 (J) a State association dedicated to Alzheimer's care,
18 support, and research;

19 (K) a State association dedicated to improving quality
20 of life for persons age 50 and over;

21 (L) a State group of area agencies involved in
22 planning and coordinating services and programs for older
23 persons in their respective areas;

24 (M) a State organization dedicated to enhancing
25 communication and cooperation between sheriffs;

26 (N) a State association of police chiefs and other

1 leaders of police and public safety organizations;

2 (O) a State association representing Illinois
3 publishers;

4 (P) a State association that advocates for the
5 broadcast industry;

6 (Q) a member of a large wireless telephone carrier;
7 and

8 (R) a member of a small wireless telephone carrier.

9 The members of the Task Force designated in subparagraphs
10 (A) through (I) of this paragraph (3) shall be appointed by the
11 head of the respective agency. The members of the Task Force
12 designated in subparagraphs (J) through (R) of this paragraph
13 (3) shall be appointed by the Director of the Illinois State
14 Police. The Director of the Illinois State Police or the
15 Director's ~~his or her~~ designee shall serve as Chair of the Task
16 Force.

17 The Task Force shall meet at least twice a year and shall
18 provide a report on the operations of the Silver Search
19 Program to the General Assembly and the Governor each year by
20 June 30.

21 (4) Subject to appropriation, the Illinois State Police,
22 in coordination with the Department on Aging and the Silver
23 Search Task Force, shall develop and implement a community
24 outreach program to promote awareness of the Silver Search
25 Program as part of the Endangered Missing Person Advisory
26 among law enforcement agencies, the State's healthcare

1 facilities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, other
2 senior centers, and the general population on or before
3 January 1, 2017.

4 (5) The Child Safety Coordinator, created under Section
5 2605-480 of this Law, shall act in the capacity of Child Safety
6 Coordinator, Endangered Missing Person Coordinator, and Silver
7 Search Program Coordinator. The Coordinator, in conjunction
8 with the members of the Task Force, shall assist the Illinois
9 State Police and the Silver Search Task Force in the
10 establishment of State standards and monitor the availability
11 of federal and private funding that may become available to
12 further the objectives of the Endangered Missing Person
13 Advisory and Silver Search Awareness Program. The Illinois
14 State Police shall provide technical assistance for the
15 Coordinator from its existing resources.

16 (6) The Illinois State Police shall provide administrative
17 and other support to the Task Force.

18 (f)(1) The Illinois State Police, in cooperation with the
19 Golden Search Task Force, shall develop as part of the
20 Endangered Missing Person Advisory a coordinated statewide
21 awareness program and toolkit, which shall be referred to as
22 the Golden Search, to be used when there is a missing person
23 who is believed to be a person having a developmental
24 disability, as defined in Section 1-106 of the Mental Health
25 and Developmental Disabilities Code, or a person having an
26 intellectual disability, as defined in Section 1-116 of the

1 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.

2 (2) The Illinois State Police shall complete development
3 and deployment of the Golden Search Awareness Program and
4 toolkit on or before July 1, 2026.

5 (3) The Illinois State Police shall establish a Golden
6 Search Task Force within 90 days after the effective date of
7 this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly to assist
8 the Illinois State Police in development and deployment of the
9 Golden Search Awareness Program and toolkit. The Task Force
10 shall establish the criteria and create a toolkit, which may
11 include usage of Department of Transportation signs, under
12 Section 2705-505.6 of the Department of Transportation Law of
13 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. The toolkit shall
14 include information and guidance on responding to a missing
15 person with autism spectrum disorder. The Task Force shall
16 monitor and review the implementation and operation of that
17 program, including procedures, budgetary requirements,
18 standards, and minimum requirements for the training of law
19 enforcement personnel on how to interact appropriately and
20 effectively with individuals with developmental and
21 intellectual disabilities. The Task Force shall also develop
22 additional network and financial resources for use in the
23 system. The Task Force shall include, but shall not be limited
24 to, one representative from each of the following:

25 (A) the Illinois State Police;

26 (B) the Department of Human Services;

- 1 (C) the Department of Public Health;
2 (D) the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission;
3 (E) the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards
4 Board;
5 (F) the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and
6 Office of Homeland Security;
7 (G) the Secretary of State;
8 (H) the Department of Transportation;
9 (I) the Department of the Lottery;
10 (J) the Illinois Toll Highway Authority;
11 (K) a State association dedicated to serving and
12 supporting persons with autism spectrum disorder;
13 (L) a State organization dedicated to enhancing
14 communication and cooperation between sheriffs;
15 (M) a State association of police chiefs and other
16 leaders of police and public safety organizations;
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18 publishers;
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20 broadcast industry;
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25 (A) through (J) of this paragraph (3) shall be appointed by the
26 head of the respective agency. The members of the Task Force

1 designated in subparagraphs (K) through (Q) of this paragraph
2 (3) shall be appointed by the Director of the Illinois State
3 Police. The Director of the Illinois State Police or the
4 Director's designee shall serve as Chair of the Task Force.

5 The Task Force shall meet at least twice a year and shall
6 provide a report on the operations of the Golden Search
7 Program to the General Assembly and the Governor each year by
8 June 30th.

9 (4) Subject to appropriation, the Illinois State Police,
10 in coordination with the Department of Human Services and the
11 Golden Search Task Force, shall develop and implement a
12 community outreach program to promote awareness of the Golden
13 Search Program as part of the Endangered Missing Person
14 Advisory among law enforcement agencies, the State's
15 healthcare facilities, service providers, community-based
16 organizations, and the general population on or before January
17 1, 2026.

18 (5) The Child Safety Coordinator, created under Section
19 2605-480 of this Law, shall act in the capacity of Golden
20 Search Program Coordinator in addition to the Child Safety
21 Coordinator's other duties. The Golden Search Program
22 Coordinator, in conjunction with the members of the Task
23 Force, shall assist the Illinois State Police and the Golden
24 Search Task Force in the establishment of State standards and
25 monitor the availability of federal and private funding that
26 may become available to further the objectives of the

1 Endangered Missing Person Advisory and Golden Search Awareness
2 Program. The Illinois State Police shall provide technical
3 assistance for the Coordinator from its existing resources.

4 (6) The Illinois State Police shall provide administrative
5 and other support to the Task Force.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)

7 Section 10. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by
8 changing Section 10.10 as follows:

9 (50 ILCS 705/10.10)

10 Sec. 10.10. Training in child abduction and missing
11 endangered senior alert system.

12 (a) The Board shall conduct training programs for law
13 enforcement personnel of local governmental agencies in the
14 statewide coordinated child abduction alert system developed
15 under Section 2605-480 of the Illinois State Police Law of the
16 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the statewide
17 coordinated missing endangered senior alert system developed
18 under Section 2605-375 of the Illinois State Police Law of the
19 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

20 (b) The Board shall conduct a training program for law
21 enforcement personnel of local governmental agencies in the
22 statewide Alzheimer's disease, other related dementia, or
23 other dementia-like cognitive impairment coordinated Silver
24 Search Awareness Program and toolkit developed under Section

1 2605-485 of the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil
2 Administrative Code of Illinois. The Board shall adopt written
3 protocols and guidelines for the handling of missing persons
4 cases involving Alzheimer's disease, other related dementia,
5 or other dementia-like cognitive impairment based upon
6 protocols developed by the Silver Search Task Force in
7 conjunction with the Illinois State Police on or before July
8 1, 2016.

9 (c) The Board shall conduct a training program for law
10 enforcement personnel of local governmental agencies in the
11 statewide coordinated Golden Search Awareness Program and
12 toolkit developed under Section 2605-485 of the Illinois State
13 Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. The
14 Board shall adopt written protocols and guidelines for the
15 handling of missing persons cases involving a person having a
16 developmental disability, as defined in Section 1-106 of the
17 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, or a person
18 having an intellectual disability, as defined in Section 1-116
19 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code,
20 based upon protocols developed by the Golden Search Task Force
21 in conjunction with the Illinois State Police on or before
22 July 1, 2026.

23 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 20 ILCS 2605/2605-485

4 50 ILCS 705/10.10