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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5012**

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**By** Senate Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Haugen, King, Sheldon, Marr, Kauffman, McAuliffe, Parlette, and Roach)

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1       AN ACT Relating to abducted or missing persons; amending RCW  
2 13.60.010; and adding a new section to chapter 13.60 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.60.010 and 1985 c 443 s 22 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       The Washington state patrol shall establish a missing children  
7 clearinghouse which shall include the maintenance and operation of a  
8 toll-free, twenty-four-hour telephone hotline. The clearinghouse shall  
9 distribute information to local law enforcement agencies, school  
10 districts, the department of social and health services, and the  
11 general public regarding missing children. The information shall  
12 include pictures, bulletins, training sessions, reports, and  
13 biographical materials that will assist in local law enforcement  
14 efforts to locate missing children. The state patrol shall also  
15 maintain a regularly updated computerized link with national and other  
16 statewide missing person systems or clearinghouses, and within existing  
17 resources, shall develop and implement a plan, commonly known as an  
18 "amber alert plan," for voluntary cooperation between local, state,

1 tribal, and other law enforcement agencies, state government agencies,  
2 radio and television stations, and cable and satellite systems to  
3 enhance the public's ability to assist in recovering abducted children.

4 "Child" or "children," as used in this chapter, means an individual  
5 under eighteen years of age.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.60 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 Within existing resources, the Washington state patrol shall  
9 develop and implement a plan, commonly known as an "endangered missing  
10 person advisory plan," for voluntary cooperation between local, state,  
11 tribal, and other law enforcement agencies, state government agencies,  
12 radio and television stations, and cable and satellite systems to  
13 enhance the public's ability to assist in recovering endangered missing  
14 persons who do not qualify for inclusion in an amber alert.

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