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1 AN ACT Relating to missing endangered persons; and amending RCW
2 13.60.010 and 13.60.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.60.010 and 2009 c 20 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

1 enforcement agencies, state government agencies, radio and television
2 stations, ~~((and))~~ cable and satellite systems, and social media pages
3 and sites to enhance the public's ability to assist in recovering
4 abducted children and missing endangered persons.

5 (2) For the purposes of this chapter:

6 (a) "Child" or "children((7))" ((as used in this chapter,)) means
7 an individual under eighteen years of age.

8 (b) "Missing endangered person" means a person believed to be in
9 danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability, in
10 combination with environmental or weather conditions, or is believed to
11 be unable to return to safety without assistance.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.60.020 and 1985 c 443 s 23 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 Local law enforcement agencies shall file an official missing
15 person report and enter biographical information into the state missing
16 person computerized network within ~~((twelve))~~ six hours after
17 notification of a missing child or endangered person is received under
18 RCW 13.32A.050 (1)~~(a)~~, ~~((+3+))~~ (c), or ~~((+4+))~~ (d), or an endangered
19 missing person received under RCW 13.60.050. The patrol shall collect
20 such information as will enable it to retrieve immediately the
21 following information about a missing child or endangered person:
22 Name, date of birth, social security number, fingerprint
23 classification, relevant physical descriptions, and known associates
24 and locations. Access to the preceding information shall be available
25 to appropriate law enforcement agencies, and to parents and legal
26 guardians, when appropriate.

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