



**Substitute House Bill No. 6113**

**Public Act No. 11-102**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF MISSING ADULT PERSONS REPORTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) For the purposes of this section and section 7-294o of the general statutes, as amended by this act, "law enforcement agency" means the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety or any municipal police department, and "adult person" means an individual who has attained the age of eighteen years.

(b) A law enforcement agency shall accept without delay any report of a missing adult person.

(c) The unit of the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety that investigates missing adult persons shall, as appropriate, enter all collected information relating to a missing adult person case into the National Crime Information Center database and any other applicable federal database with all practicable speed.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) After performing any death scene investigation when homicide is suspected, the official with custody of the human remains shall ensure that the human remains are delivered to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

(b) The Chief Medical Examiner shall obtain from the human remains (1) samples of tissue suitable for DNA typing, if possible, or (2) samples of whole bone or hair suitable for DNA typing. The Chief Medical Examiner shall immediately submit the samples obtained to the Division of Scientific Services within the Department of Public Safety.

Sec. 3. Section 7-294o of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

(a) Not later than January 1, [2008] 2012, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall develop and implement a policy concerning the acceptance of missing person reports, including, but not limited to, adult missing person reports, by law enforcement agencies in this state and such agencies' response thereto. Such policy shall include, but not be limited to, (1) guidelines for the acceptance of a missing person report, (2) the types of information that a law enforcement agency should seek to ascertain and record concerning the missing person or missing adult person that would aid in locating the missing person or missing adult person, (3)

the circumstances that indicate that a missing person or missing adult person is a high risk missing person, (4) the types of information that a law enforcement agency should provide to the person making the missing person report, to a family member or to any other person in a position to assist the law enforcement agency in its efforts to locate the missing person or missing adult person, and (5) the responsibilities of a law enforcement agency in responding to a missing person report and the manner of such response, including preferred methods of response that are sensitive to the emotions of the person making such report.

(b) Each police basic or review training program conducted or administered by the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council or a municipal police department shall include training in the policy developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and training in the use of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System created by the Office of Justice Program's National Institute of Justice.

Sec. 4. Section 7-282c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

Any municipal police department which receives a report of a missing child under [~~fifteen~~ eighteen] years of age or a missing person who is eligible for assistance under subsection (a) of section 29-1f shall immediately accept such report for filing and inform all on-duty police officers of the existence of the missing child or missing person report and communicate the report to other appropriate law enforcement agencies.

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