
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1677 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY STENDER, DELOZIER, C. WILLIAMS, RAPP, LAWRENCE,
FLICK, MARCELL, CIRESI, GROVE, O'NEAL, GILLEN AND JOZWIAK,
DECEMBER 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 2004 (P.L.1270, No.153),
2 entitled "An act providing for the Pennsylvania Amber Alert
3 System; authorizing and directing the Pennsylvania State
4 Police to establish and maintain the Pennsylvania Amber Alert
5 System; assessing costs; and providing for immunity and
6 penalties," further providing for title of act and for
7 Pennsylvania Amber Alert System and Missing Endangered Person
8 Advisory System (MEPAS) established; and providing for use of
9 Dangerous Fugitive Alert System (DFAS).

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The title of the act of November 24, 2004
13 (P.L.1270, No.153), referred to as the Pennsylvania Amber Alert
14 System Law, is amended to read:

15 AN ACT

16 Providing for the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System, Missing
17 Endangered Person Advisory System and Dangerous Fugitive
18 Alert System; authorizing and directing the Pennsylvania
19 State Police to establish and maintain the Pennsylvania Amber
20 Alert System, Missing Endangered Person Advisory System and
21 Dangerous Fugitive Alert System; assessing costs; and

1 providing for immunity and penalties.

2 Section 2. Section 1 heading of the act is amended and the
3 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

4 Section 1. Pennsylvania Amber Alert System [and], Missing
5 Endangered Person Advisory System (MEPAS) and
6 Dangerous Fugitive Alert System (DFAS)
7 established.

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9 (c) Dangerous Fugitive Alert System (DFAS).--The
10 Pennsylvania State Police shall establish and maintain the
11 Dangerous Fugitive Alert System to assist in the protection of
12 the public and the apprehension of inmates and other individuals
13 of immediate threat, as identified by the Pennsylvania State
14 Police, who have escaped, absconded or otherwise removed
15 themselves without proper authorization from a correctional
16 institution, as defined under 61 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to
17 definitions), or a place utilized for detention of juveniles
18 under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6327 (relating to place of detention),
19 through prompt notification to the general public, appropriate
20 law enforcement authorities and other public agencies.

21 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
22 Section 2.2. Use of Dangerous Fugitive Alert System (DFAS).

23 (a) Operation and activation.--The Dangerous Fugitive Alert
24 System shall be operated by the Pennsylvania State Police.
25 Activation may be requested by law enforcement agencies if
26 notification of the public is considered prudent for the
27 protection of the public and public assistance would expedite
28 the apprehension of an inmate or other person identified by the
29 Pennsylvania State Police as posing an immediate threat to the
30 public as described in section 1(c).

1 (b) Recommendations.--No later than December 31, 2024, the
2 Pennsylvania State Police shall submit written recommendations
3 to the General Assembly regarding utilizing and expanding the
4 reverse 911 system in all counties across this Commonwealth and
5 incorporating county emergency medical service alerts in the
6 Ready PA system.

7 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.