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H.B. NO. 2219

A Bill for an Act Relating to Missing Children.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 577, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§577- Missing children; reporting. (a) Upon the filing of a police report that a child is missing by the parent or guardian, the law enforcement agency receiving notification shall:

- (1) Immediately inform all on-duty law enforcement officers of the existence of the missing child report;
- (2) Report pertinent information about the missing child to any other law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the county; and
- (3) Immediately transmit pertinent information on the missing child for inclusion within the state juvenile justice information system, and, if it appears that the juvenile has left the State or may leave the State, the National Crime Information Center system.

(b) A missing child report filed with a law enforcement agency which has jurisdiction is sufficient documentation for entering a juvenile in the missing persons' files of the juvenile justice information system, the National Crime

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Information Center, or both. Law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over the missing child shall comply with any information required by the National Crime Information Center to effectuate the purpose of this Act.

(c) In the case of a parental kidnapping, the law enforcement agency shall obtain from the reporting parent or guardian a certified copy of the custody papers.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 29, 1994.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.