By Senator Altman

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to minors; requiring a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a minor to make reasonable efforts to notify a law enforcement agency of the disappearance of the minor within a specified period of time after the discovery that the minor has disappeared; providing criminal penalties for failing to make reasonable efforts to notify a law enforcement agency of the disappearance of the minor; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Disappearance of a minor; notification requirement.—A parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a minor must make reasonable efforts to notify a law enforcement agency of the disappearance of the minor within 12 hours after the discovery that the minor has disappeared. A person who violates this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2012.