

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In 2019, the Texas Legislature directed the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) to create and implement a statewide alert program to close the gap between missing children and senior citizens. While H.B. 1769 did not name the alert in statute, ensuring that the program was easily recognizable and understood by the public remained an important component for DPS. Stakeholders later agreed to the Coordinated Law Enforcement Adult Rescue (CLEAR) Alert program. Since July 2019, DPS has used the name, "CLEAR alert," to effectively promote awareness.

H.B. 2677 codifies the name, "Coordinated Law Enforcement Adult Rescue (CLEAR)," for this important alert program.

H.B. 2677 amends current law relating to the name of the statewide alert system for certain missing adults.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Provides that this Act honors the victims of violence whose lives and stories led to the passage into law of the CLEAR Alert for Missing Adults: Cayley Mandadi, D'Lisa Kelley, Erin Castro, Ashanti Billie, and the rest.

SECTION 2. Amends the heading to Subchapter Q, Chapter 411, Government Code, as added by Chapter 227 (H.B. 1769), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Q. COORDINATED LAW ENFORCEMENT ADULT RESCUE (CLEAR) ALERT FOR MISSING ADULTS

SECTION 3. Amends Section 411.461(2), Government Code, as added by Chapter 227 (H.B. 1769), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, to redefine for Subchapter Q "alert" to mean the statewide Coordinated Law Enforcement Adult Rescue (CLEAR) alert for missing adults that is developed and implemented under Subchapter Q.

SECTION 4. Amends the heading to Section 411.462, Government Code, as added by Chapter 227 (H.B. 1769), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, to read as follows:

Sec. 411.462. COORDINATED LAW ENFORCEMENT ADULT RESCUE (CLEAR) ALERT FOR MISSING ADULTS.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.