Voluntary Statewide Child Identification Program

This Act directs the state Transportation Cabinet to implement a program to issue identification cards to children ages 2 to 15. The draft also requires that descriptive information about children who get such ID cards will be stored in the state’s driver’s license identification system. Under the Act, the information in that system can then be used by the state missing persons clearinghouse and other public agencies to help identify or locate a missing child.

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Suggested Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

Section 1. [Short Title.]

(1) The [Transportation Cabinet] shall implement a voluntary statewide child identification program. The program shall issue a color photo nondriver’s identification card to a child [two (2)] to [fifteen (15)] years of age.

(2) The application for a child identification card shall be accompanied by a Social Security card and a birth certificate for the child, or other proof of the child’s date of birth.

(3) The card shall contain the child’s name and the toll-free number of the state [Missing Persons Clearinghouse] and the [State Police]. The card shall not contain the child’s Social Security number.

(4) The [cabinet] shall set a [four (4)] dollar fee for the child identification card. [Two (2)] dollars of the fee shall be used to cover the [cabinet’s] cost for equipment and supplies. [Two dollars (2)] dollars of the fee shall be an administrative fee of the [circuit clerk] for issuing the card which shall be deposited by the [Administrative Office of the Courts] into a trust and agency account for the [circuit clerks] and used for the purposes of hiring additional [deputy clerks] and providing salary adjustments to [deputy clerks].

(5) The card shall expire every [four (4)] years on the child’s birthday. Within the time period that the child identification card is valid, the card may be updated with a new photograph and information. The fee for an updated card shall be [four dollars ($4)], with [two dollars ($2)] of the fee going to the [cabinet] and [two (2) dollars going to the [Administrative Office of the Courts] in the same manner as the fee for an initial card as described in this subsection.

(6) The descriptive data and a photo image of the child shall be stored in the state [Driver's License Information System] and may be retrieved and used by public agencies subject to the provisions of the Driver Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. sec. 2721, and may also be used by the state [Missing Persons Clearinghouse].

Section 2. [Severability.] [Insert severability clause.]

Section 3. [Repealer.] [Insert repealer clause.]

Section 4. [Effective Date.] [Insert effective date.]