



EMERGENCY ALERT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

WHAT CAN LEGISLATORS DO

Louisiana needs an emergency alert for people with disabilities who go missing, wander, elope or may be in danger

Sen. McMath is working on a bill to make this alert a reality



WHY ACTION IS NEEDED

- 25 - 50% of people with Autism Spectrum Disorders or Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities wander or go missing at some point
- They may not understand when a situation is unsafe, such as bad weather, traffic, water or unsafe places
- Current alerts don't cover these situations- Amber Alerts are for abducted children and Silver Alerts are for older adults
- It takes minutes to get confused, injured or worse

WHY DO THIS

Louisiana does not have a dedicated alert for people with disabilities who go missing or are in danger. This new alert could help people with:

- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- Complex medical needs
- Serious mental health or emotional needs

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS

- Keeps people with disabilities safe
- Helps first responders and the public act quickly and follow clear steps
- Gives families and caregivers peace of mind
- Raises community awareness about disability inclusion and safety
- Saves lives by helping people return home faster