

Senate Bill 358

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Unterman of the 45th, Millar of the 40th, Gooch of the 51st, Murphy of the 27th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the Missing Children Information Center, so as to provide for missing child  
3 reports for foster children; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
8 Missing Children Information Center, is amended by revising Code Section 35-3-83, relating  
9 to missing child reports, as follows:

10 "35-3-83.

11 (a) Upon the filing of a police report by the parent or guardian that a child is missing, the  
12 local law enforcement agency receiving such report shall notify all of its on-duty law  
13 enforcement officers of the existence of the missing child report, communicate the report  
14 to all other law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in the county and all law  
15 enforcement agencies of jurisdictions geographically adjoining that of the local law  
16 enforcement agency, and transmit the report to the Missing Children Information Center.

17 (b) As used in this Code section, the term 'parent or guardian' includes a foster parent, a  
18 foster family member, or the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department  
19 of Human Services, in the case of a child who is in a foster home or otherwise in the foster  
20 care system under the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of  
21 Human Services."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.