



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### Senate Bill 1096 Printer's No. 1491

Prime Sponsor: Dinniman  
Committee: Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

SB 1096 would amend Title 35 (Health & Safety Code) by codifying into law the Premise Alert System.

#### **SUMMARY:**

SB 1096 would:

- \*Add a new Chapter 54 (PA Premise Alert System)
- \*Provide a Purpose for the Chapter essentially providing individuals with disabilities the option to provide notice of their disabilities to law enforcement and public safety providers.
- \*Define "Computer-Aided Dispatch System," "Individual with Disabilities," "Pennsylvania Premise Alert System," "Pennsylvania Premise Alert System Form," and "Public Safety Agency."
- \*Require PEMA to post the Premise Alert System Form on their home page.
- \*Require public safety agencies to make reasonable efforts to publicize the Premise Alert System.
- \*Require the Department of Human Services to post the Premise Alert System Form on their home page and to direct caseworkers to offer the Premise Alert System Form at the initial intake of clients and annually at review meetings with individuals with disabilities and their caregivers.
- \*Require the Department of Education to notify all school nurses of the Premise Alert System and to direct special education directors to offer copies of the Premise Alert System Form to the caregivers of individuals with disabilities at the initial individualized education plan meeting and each year thereafter until graduation from high school
- \*Require Public Safety Agencies to accept and review Premise Alert System Form submissions - inform individuals that submit a form that doing so is voluntary and will not result in preferential treatment - maintain each submittal and transmit a copy to the county 911 center or another public safety agency - and provide notice to individuals with disabilities during emergency situations.
- \*Require a 911 center to relay any pertinent information in the Premise Alert system about an individual with disability to the responding public safety agency.
- \*Require a Public Safety Agency or Emergency Response Organization - when responding to an emergency - to make a reasonable effort to identify and help the individual with disabilities based on the information provided to them.
- \*Require Public Safety Agencies to develop policies for the control and use of information contained in the Premise Alert System.
- \*Require Public Safety Agencies to delete information two years after the submission.
- \*Stipulate that the Premise Alert System be confidential.
- \*Stipulate that individuals may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Civil Rights for a violation of this section.

\*Provide liability protection for employees of public safety agencies except for cases of willful or wanton misconduct or relating to breach of confidentiality.

Effective Date: 60 Days.

**BILL HISTORY:**

None.

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