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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law provides for notification of
9 the Governor when an inmate escapes from the
10 custody of the Department of Corrections.

11 This bill would require the notification of
12 other state and local agencies and the news media
13 when an inmate escapes.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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19 To amend Section 14-3-58, Code of Alabama 1975,
20 relating to the escape of inmates; to require notification of
21 certain state and local agencies and the news media when an
22 inmate escapes.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 14-3-58, Code of Alabama 1975, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 "§14-3-58.

1 "(a) This section shall be known as the "Joel
2 Willmore Act."

3 "(b) Whenever ~~any convict~~ an inmate escapes from a
4 penal facility, of the Department of Corrections as defined in
5 subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of Section 13A-10-30, it
6 shall be the duty of the ~~Board of Corrections~~ department to
7 take all proper measures for his or her apprehension, and for
8 that purpose, it ~~must forthwith~~ shall notify the following
9 within 12 hours of the escape:

10 "(1) ~~communicate to the Governor the fact of such~~
11 ~~escape,~~ The Governor.

12 "(2) The Department of Public Safety.

13 "(3) The sheriff and district attorney of the county
14 where the escape occurred.

15 "(4) The chief of police where the escape occurred,
16 if the escape occurred within a municipality.

17 "(5) The sheriff and district attorney of the county
18 where the last conviction of the escapee occurred.

19 "(6) The chief of police where the last conviction
20 of the escapee occurred, if the conviction occurred within a
21 municipality.

22 "(7) The sheriff of the county where the convict's
23 home of record is located.

24 "(8) The chief of police where the convict's home of
25 record is located, if the location is within a municipality.

1 "(9) All electronic media outlets broadcasting from
2 within a radius of 75 miles from where the escape occurred,
3 including all radio and television stations.

4 "(c) The notification required in subsection (b)
5 shall include the time when and the circumstances under which
6 it the escape was effected, together with a particular
7 description of the convict inmate, including a copy of the
8 inmate's most recent mug shot, and in what county convicted
9 and for what offense and when.

10 "(d) In addition to the requirements set forth in
11 subsections (b) and (c), the department shall post a
12 notification on its website of the escape. The notification
13 shall include the time when and the circumstances under which
14 the escape was effected, together with a particular
15 description of the inmate, including a copy of the inmate's
16 most recent mug shot, and in what county convicted and for
17 what offense and when.

18 "(e) The Director of Central Records, or his or her
19 designee, of the department shall enter the inmate into the
20 National Crime Information Center within 12 hours of the
21 inmate's escape.

22 "(f) The Department of Corrections and the board
23 shall offer a reward, not exceeding \$400.00 four hundred
24 dollars (\$400), for the apprehension of ~~such~~ the state
25 convict, to be paid out of the proceeds of the labor of
26 convicts inmates in the State Treasury. But no warrant shall

1 be issued for the payment of any such reward unless there is
2 filed in the office of the Department of Finance the
3 certificate of the ~~board~~ Department of Corrections that ~~such~~
4 ~~convict~~ the inmate has been recaptured and restored to
5 custody."

6 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
7 first day of the third month following its passage and
8 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.