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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to traffic infractions; to amend Section 12-12-56, Code of Alabama 1975; to require law enforcement to make a reasonable effort to notify the minor's emergency contact when citing a minor for traffic infractions; and to provide exceptions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "TJ's Law."

Section 2. Section 12-12-56, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§12-12-56

(a) No law enforcement officer or other officer or public employee shall dispose of a uniform traffic ticket and complaint, or any portion thereof, or the record of issuance thereof, in a manner other than as required under rules ~~or~~ regulations promulgated adopted pursuant to this ~~subsection~~ article.

(b) Any person who solicits or aids in the disposition or attempted disposition of a uniform traffic ticket and complaint, or any portion thereof, in any unauthorized manner



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29 is subject to the criminal contempt power of the district or
30 municipal court.

31 (c) If a minor under 19 years of age is cited for any
32 traffic infraction, the citing agency shall make a reasonable
33 effort to notify the driver's emergency contact, if available.
34 For the purposes of this subsection, a single attempted
35 telephone call, text message, or letter sent via United States
36 mail to the driver's emergency contact shall constitute a
37 reasonable effort to notify."

38 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
39 1, 2025.



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