

§ 143B-1776. North Carolina Missing – Weather Alert established.

(a) There is established within the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons the Missing – Weather Alert. The purpose of the Missing – Weather Alert is to provide a statewide system for the rapid dissemination of information regarding a missing person or child that is missing during times of extreme heat or cold and is not in a vehicle, or immediately following a significant weather event.

(b) If the Center receives a request that involves a missing person as described in subsection (a) of this section, and at the time of receipt no more than 72 hours have passed since the person went missing, the Center shall issue an alert providing for rapid dissemination of information statewide regarding the missing person. The Center shall make every effort to disseminate the information as quickly as possible, including procedures for the use of the Wireless Emergency Alert.

(c) The Center shall adopt guidelines and develop procedures for issuing a 30-day alert for missing persons as described in subsection (a) of this section and shall provide education and training to encourage radio and television broadcasters to participate in the alert. (2025-4, s. 5.1(d).)