

**UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM**  
**Act 319 of 1968**

AN ACT to provide a uniform crime reporting system; to provide for the submitting of such report to the department of state police; to require submission of the report by certain police agencies; to require the reporting on wanted persons and stolen vehicles; to require the reporting of information regarding certain persons and unidentified bodies of deceased persons; to prescribe certain powers and duties of law enforcement agencies; and to vest the director of the department of state police with certain authority.

**History:** 1968, Act 319, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1968;—Am. 1985, Act 204, Eff. Mar. 1, 1986.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**28.251 Uniform crime reports; duties of police departments to file, contents.**

Sec. 1. The police department of each city or village, any duly constituted police department of a township, and the sheriff's department of each county, once each month upon a date and form prescribed and furnished by the director of the department of state police, shall forward to the department of state police a crime report. Each reporting department shall report only on cases within its jurisdiction and upon which it is making, or has made, the primary police investigation. The report shall be called the uniform crime report and shall cover crimes reported and otherwise processed during the month preceding the month of the report. It shall contain the number and nature of offenses committed, the disposition of such offenses and such other information as the director of state police shall specify relating to the method, frequency, cause and prevention of crime. Under no circumstances shall the name of any person be reported.

**History:** 1968, Act 319, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1968.

**28.252 Compilation of monthly uniform crime reports; use.**

Sec. 2. Upon receipt of the monthly uniform crime reports from the reporting agencies, the department of state police shall prepare a statewide compilation of the statistics contained therein and the resulting statistical compilation shall be available to any governmental law enforcement agency in the state, the judiciary committees of the Michigan state senate and the Michigan state house of representatives, and the federal bureau of investigation, upon request. The statistics made available through the uniform crime report shall be used for the purpose of studying the causes, trends and effects of crime in this state and for intelligence upon which to base a more sound program of crime detection and prevention and the apprehension of criminals.

**History:** 1968, Act 319, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1968.

**28.253 Voluntary crime reports; inclusion in compilation.**

Sec. 3. Any governmental police agency, not falling within the description of those required to submit the monthly uniform crime report set forth in section 1, which desires to submit such a report, shall be furnished with the proper forms by the department of state police. When a report is received by the department of state police from a governmental police agency not required to make such report, the information contained therein shall be included within the monthly compilation provided for in section 2.

**History:** 1968, Act 319, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1968.

**28.254 Reports of wanted persons and stolen vehicles.**

Sec. 4. The chief of police of each city or village and of each township having a police department, and the sheriff of each county within this state, shall report to the department of state police, in a manner prescribed by the department, all persons wanted by, and all vehicles stolen from, their primary police jurisdictions. The report shall be made as soon as is practical after the investigating department either ascertains that a vehicle is stolen or obtains a warrant for an individual's arrest or determines that they have reasonable grounds to believe that the individual committed a crime. In no case shall this time exceed 12 hours after the reporting agency determines that it has grounds to believe that a vehicle was stolen or that the wanted person should be arrested.

**History:** 1968, Act 319, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1968.

**28.255 Reports of apprehension or recovery.**

Sec. 5. When at any time after making a report required by section 4 it is determined by the reporting agency that a person is no longer wanted because of his apprehension, or any other factor, and when a vehicle reported stolen under section 4 is recovered, the chief of police or sheriff of the reporting agency shall immediately notify the department of state police in a manner prescribed by the department.

**History:** 1968, Act 319, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1968.

### **28.256 Inapplicability of act as to traffic misdemeanors.**

Sec. 6. The provisions of this act do not apply to misdemeanor traffic cases or to persons wanted for misdemeanor traffic offenses, or for the violation of any city, village or township ordinance. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to in any way affect existing or future laws and procedures governing the reporting of persons wanted for traffic law violations or for the violation of city, village or township ordinances.

**History:** 1968, Act 319, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1968.

### **28.257 Domestic violence incidents; report to state police; contents.**

Sec. 7. The chief of police of each city or village, the chief of police of each township having a police department, and the sheriff of each county within this state shall report to the department of state police, in a manner prescribed by the department, the following information related to domestic violence incidents:

- (a) The number of assaults reported that involve an adult and a minor and the disposition of those offenses.
- (b) The number of assaults reported that involve either 2 male adults or 2 female adults and the disposition of those offenses.
- (c) The number of assaults reported that involve 1 male adult and 1 female adult and the disposition of those offenses.
- (d) The number of crimes reported that involve an individual and his or her spouse, his or her former spouse, an individual with whom he or she has had a child in common, an individual with whom he or she has or has had a dating relationship, or an individual who resides or has resided in the same household; and the disposition of those offenses. As used in this subdivision, "dating relationship" means that term as defined in section 2950 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2950.
- (e) Other statistics the director of the department of state police considers necessary to obtain accurate and reliable data on the incidence of domestic violence in this state.

**History:** Add. 1978, Act 319, Imd. Eff. July 10, 1978;—Am. 2001, Act 191, Eff. Oct. 1, 2002.

### **28.257a Crimes motivated by prejudice or bias; report.**

Sec. 7a. The chief of police of each city or village, the chief of police of each township having a police department, and the sheriff of each county within this state shall report to the department of state police, in a manner prescribed by the department, information specified under section 1 related to crimes motivated by prejudice or bias based upon race, ethnic origin, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

**History:** Add. 1991, Act 172, Eff. Mar. 30, 1992.

### **28.258 Definitions; certain individuals reported missing; preliminary investigation; entering information into LEIN, national crime information center, national missing and unidentified persons system, and clearinghouse; dental records; retaining and broadcasting information; forwarding information to registrar; notice and information to last known school district; request that registrar and school district be notified; emancipated missing child; cancellation of information; policy preventing immediate investigation prohibited; unidentified body; unknown identity of individual found.**

Sec. 8. (1) As used in this section and section 9:

- (a) "Child" means an individual less than 17 years of age.
- (b) "Clearinghouse" means the missing child information clearinghouse established under section 9.
- (c) "Department" means the department of state police.
- (d) "Law enforcement agency" means the department, a police agency of a city, village, or township, a sheriff's department, or any other governmental law enforcement agency in this state.
- (e) "LEIN" means law enforcement information network regulated under the C.J.I.S. policy council act, 1974 PA 163, MCL 28.211 to 28.215.
- (f) "Registrar" means the state registrar as defined in section 2805 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.2805.

(2) If an individual who is any of the following is reported missing, the law enforcement agency receiving the report, after conducting a preliminary investigation, shall immediately enter the information described in subsection (3) regarding that individual into the LEIN, the national crime information center, the national missing and unidentified persons system, and, if the individual is a child, the clearinghouse:

- (a) An individual who has a physical or mental disability as evidenced by written documentation from a physician or other authoritative source. As used in this act, "mental disability" includes Alzheimer's disease

and dementia.

(b) An individual who was in the company of another individual under circumstances indicating that the individual's physical safety may be in danger.

(c) An individual who disappeared under circumstances indicating that the disappearance was not voluntary.

(d) A child not described in subdivision (a), (b), (c), or (f).

(e) An individual not described in subdivision (a), (b), (c), or (f), who is believed to be incapable of returning to his or her residence without assistance.

(f) An individual who is missing as the result of a natural or intentionally caused catastrophe or extraordinary accident that causes the loss of human life.

(3) The information to be entered into the LEIN, the national crime information center, the national missing and unidentified persons system, and the clearinghouse under subsection (2) must include all of the following, if available:

(a) The name and address of the individual.

(b) The vital statistics of the individual, including a physical description, and if the missing individual is a child, the child's date of birth, state of birth, and if possible, mother's maiden name.

(c) The date the individual was missing and, if the missing individual is a child under subsection (2)(d), the date the child becomes 17 years of age.

(d) Any other information that may assist in the location of the individual and any other information required to be entered into the national missing and unidentified persons system, as determined by the department and the LEIN policy council.

(4) If subsections (2) and (3) have been complied with and the individual is not found within 30 days, the law enforcement agency that received the report under subsection (2) shall seek the dental records of the individual under section 2844a of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.2844a. The information from the dental records must be entered into the national crime information center, the national missing and unidentified persons system, and, if the individual is a child, the clearinghouse by the law enforcement agency.

(5) The LEIN must retain the information under subsection (3) reported to it until the law enforcement agency that entered the information cancels the information.

(6) The law enforcement agency receiving a report of a missing individual described in subsection (2) may, or if the individual is a child and subject to the policy established by the clearinghouse, or if the individual has Alzheimer's disease or dementia or is believed to be incapable of returning to his or her residence without assistance, shall, broadcast the information described in subsection (3) over the LEIN to all of the following:

(a) All law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction of the location where the missing individual lives or was last seen.

(b) Any other law enforcement agency that potentially could become involved in locating the missing individual.

(c) All law enforcement agencies to which the individual who reported the individual missing requests the information be sent, if the request is reasonable.

(7) If 14 days have elapsed since the law enforcement agency has received a report that a child who was born in this state is missing, and the agency has not been notified of the child's return, the LEIN must forward online the information described in subsection (3) to the registrar via the registrar's restricted access LEIN terminal.

(8) If 14 days have elapsed since the law enforcement agency has received a report of a missing child and the agency has not been notified of the child's return, the agency, if it has reason to believe that a missing child may be enrolled in a school district in this state, shall notify in writing the child's last known local school district or intermediate school district that the child is missing and shall provide the school district with the information described in subsection (3).

(9) A parent or legal guardian of a child missing before June 29, 1987, may notify a law enforcement agency that he or she wants the registrar and school district notified under subsections (7) and (8). Upon receiving the request, the law enforcement agency shall proceed as provided in subsections (7) and (8).

(10) On the seventeenth birthday of a child who has been reported missing under subsection (2)(d), any information entered into the LEIN regarding that child must be retained and the child must be considered to be an emancipated missing child until the information is canceled by the law enforcement agency that entered the information into the network. If the information entered into the LEIN regarding a child missing as under subsection (2) is canceled, the law enforcement agency that entered the information into the network shall inform the registrar and school district notified as prescribed by subsection (7) of the cancellation.

(11) A law enforcement agency shall not establish or maintain a policy that prevents an immediate

investigation as soon as practical regarding an individual described in subsection (2) who is reported missing.

(12) When the unidentified body of a deceased individual is found, the law enforcement agency receiving the report, after conducting a preliminary investigation, shall immediately enter the following information, if available, into the national crime information center, the national missing and unidentified persons system, and, if the body is that of a child, into the clearinghouse:

(a) The physical description of the unidentified body and whether footprints, body X-rays, and fingerprint classifications are available.

(b) The date the body was found and the cause and manner of death.

(c) What body parts are found if the body is dismembered.

(d) Dental examination records obtained under section 2844a of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.2844a.

(e) Any other information that would assist in the identification of the body and any other information required to be entered into the national missing and unidentified persons system, as determined by the department and the LEIN policy council.

(13) When an individual is found whose identity is unknown and cannot be readily determined, the law enforcement agency receiving the report, after conducting a preliminary investigation, shall enter the following information into the national crime information center, the national missing and unidentified persons system, and, if the individual is a child, the clearinghouse:

(a) A physical description of the individual.

(b) Any other information that would assist in the identification of the individual and any other information required to be entered into the national missing and unidentified persons system, as determined by the department and the LEIN policy council.

**History:** Add. 1985, Act 204, Eff. Mar. 1, 1986;—Am. 1987, Act 82, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1987;—Am. 1995, Act 39, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1995;—Am. 2002, Act 718, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2002;—Am. 2006, Act 450, Imd. Eff. Dec. 14, 2006;—Am. 2018, Act 102, Eff. July 4, 2018.

### **28.259 Missing children information clearinghouse; establishment; administration; supervision; services; duties; location of child; compliance.**

Sec. 9. (1) A missing children information clearinghouse is established in the department. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the department shall administer the clearinghouse as a central repository of information regarding missing children, which information shall be collected and disseminated to assist in the location of missing children. The department director shall designate an individual to supervise the clearinghouse. To the extent money is available, the department shall establish services considered appropriate to aid in the location of missing children.

(2) In providing a centralized file for exchange of information on missing children within the state, the clearinghouse shall do all of the following:

(a) Record each report on a missing child received under section 8.

(b) Accept and record a report about a missing child from a law enforcement agency.

(c) Exchange information on children suspected of interstate travel with the national crime information center.

(d) Establish a policy regarding the compilation of a record of the reasons children become missing.

(3) Upon locating the missing child, the originating law enforcement agency shall remove the missing child from the clearinghouse record by means of the LEIN. If the originating law enforcement agency has new information about the missing child's location, that agency shall report the information to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the area in which the missing child may be located.

(4) The department may audit law enforcement agency records as necessary to determine compliance with this section. A law enforcement agency shall comply with the reasonable requests of the department in carrying out this subsection and in otherwise administering the clearinghouse.

**History:** Add. 1995, Act 39, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1995.