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PRINCE Act Passes Assembly, Headed to Governor Evers

MADISON – Following the passage of the PRINCE Act from the State Assembly and Senate, Senator Johnson released the following statement:

“The Wisconsin Assembly today passed the PRINCE Act, following its approval by the Senate on Tuesday, and is headed to the governor to be signed into law. Named in memory of 5-year-old Prince McCree, who tragically lost his life after going missing in Milwaukee, this Act expands the missing adult at-risk criteria to include missing children. While some missing children qualify for the federal Amber Alert, the narrow criteria means that most children go missing without their community being promptly informed.

“The PRINCE Act addresses these critical gaps in our current alert system, ensuring that any missing child under 10 receives the attention and urgency their situation demands. Prince was not the first child who fell through the cracks of our system. Lily Peters, a little girl who went missing in 2022, also failed to meet the criteria of an Amber Alert before she was tragically found dead.

“By utilizing the Wireless Emergency Alert system, the same system used for Amber and Silver Alerts, we can now mobilize communities immediately and effectively to aid in the search and safe recovery of our missing children. With this bill, we ensure no family will endure the fear and doubt that their child's case isn't receiving every available resource for their recovery.

“The passage of this bill fulfills my promise to the families of Prince McCree and Lily Peters, and to the families of missing children around the state. I am deeply moved and grateful for the bipartisan support that the PRINCE Act received, and I look forward to seeing Governor Evers sign this bill into law.”

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