State Survey Law: Statutory Requirements for Reporting of Missing Children

State ¹	Does the State Have a Law Requiring Law Enforcement to Report a Missing Child to NCIC? ²	Is Law Enforcement Required to Report when a Missing Child is Recovered?	Is the State Child Welfare Agency Required to Report to Law Enforcement when a Child in its Care goes Missing?
Alabama	Yes	Yes	Yes (Legally appointed guardian)
Alaska	Yes	Yes	No
Arizona	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	Yes	Yes	No
California	Yes	Yes	No
Colorado	No	Yes	No
Connecticut	Yes	No	No
Delaware	Yes	No	No
DC	No	No	No
Florida	Yes	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	No	No
Hawaii	Yes	No	No
Idaho	Yes	Yes	No
Illinois	No ³	Yes	No
Indiana	Yes	Yes	No
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Kansas	Yes	No	Yes ⁴
Kentucky	Yes	Yes	No
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	No
Maine	Yes	Yes	No
Maryland	Yes	No	No
Massachusetts	No	No	Yes
Michigan	Yes	Yes	No
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	No
Mississippi	No	No	No
Missouri	No	No	Yes
Montana	Yes	Yes	No
Nebraska	Yes	Yes	No
Nevada	Yes	Yes	No

¹ The information compiled in this survey chart is based on the 2013 Protected Innocence Challenge- State Analysis and Recommendation Reports and reflects legislation enacted on or before August 1, 2013.



² NCIC: National Crime Information Center

³ The statewide Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) is mandated to exchange information regarding lost, missing or runaway children with a national missing persons service.

⁴ Any person or entity which has legal guardianship of a person or legal custody of a person shall notify a law enforcement agency immediately.

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New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	Yes (Legal custodian)
New Jersey	Yes (only for high risk missing children)	Yes	No
New Mexico	Yes	Yes	No
New York	Yes	Yes (semi-annual report)	No
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Yes (Person providing care to or supervision of a child)
North Dakota	Yes	No	No
Ohio	Yes	Yes	Yes (Guardian/legal custodian)
Oklahoma	No	No	No
Oregon	No ⁵	No	No
Pennsylvania	No	Yes	No
Rhode Island	Yes	No	No
South Carolina	Yes	Yes	No
South Dakota	Yes	No	No
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	No
Texas	Yes	Yes	No
Utah	Yes	Yes	No
Vermont	Yes	Yes	No
Virginia	Yes	Yes	No
Washington	No	No	Yes
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	No
Wisconsin	No	No	No
Wyoming	No	No	No
Totals	Yes: 39 No: 12	Yes: 33 No: 18	Yes: 9 No: 42



⁵ When a person is reported as missing, the agency shall enter information into federal records maintained for that purpose.