

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Transportation

HB 937 — Purple Alerts

by Reps. Casello, Keen, and others (CS/SB 640 by Transportation Committee and Senator Berman)

The bill amends the existing Purple Alert program to better align it with the AMBER Alert and Silver Alert programs. The bill provides that a statewide Purple Alert may only be issued when an identifiable vehicle is involved. In such cases, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will issue statewide alerts, including the activation of highway dynamic messaging signs and lottery terminals, and notifications to subscribers.

If no identifiable vehicle is involved, dissemination of the Purple Alert is limited to local distribution in the area where the person may be reasonably located. Local law enforcement is responsible for entering the case into the Florida Crime Information Center, notifying local media, informing all on-duty law enforcement officers, and alerting all law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 31-0; House 110-0