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### SENATE BILL NO. 49

Offered January 12, 2022

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 52-34.10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to critically missing adult; definition.*

Patrons—Favola, Mason and Surovell

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

#### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

#### **1. That § 52-34.10 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

##### **§ 52-34.10. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

"Critically missing adult" means an adult (i) whose whereabouts are unknown; ~~(ii) who is believed to have been abducted, and (iii) and~~ (ii) whose disappearance poses a credible threat as determined by a law-enforcement agency to the health and safety of the adult and under such other circumstances as deemed appropriate by the Virginia State Police.

"Critically missing adult alert" means the notice of a critically missing adult provided to the public by the media or other methods under a Critically Missing Adult Alert Agreement.

"Critically Missing Adult Alert Agreement" means a voluntary agreement between law-enforcement officials and members of the media whereby an adult will be declared missing, and the public will be notified by media outlets, and includes all other incidental conditions of the partnership as found appropriate by the Virginia State Police.

"Critically Missing Adult Alert Program" means the procedures and Critically Missing Adult Alert Agreements to aid in the identification and location of a critically missing adult.

"Media" means print, radio, television, and Internet-based communication systems or other methods of communicating information to the public.

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