

THE KELSEY SMITH ACT

STATE LEGISLATION

The Kelsey Smith Act, named in memory of Kelsey, was signed into law April 17, 2009 by then Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius. The Act was proposed by Missey & Greg Smith, Kelsey's parents. Kansas State Representative Rob Olson (now a Kansas State Senator) sponsored the legislation and worked with Missey & Greg to get the bill passed.

You can read the Kansas Kelsey Smith Act (KSA 22-4615) [here](#).

WHAT IT DOES

The Kelsey Smith Act provides law enforcement with a way to quickly ascertain the location of a wireless telecommunications device if a person has been determined, by law enforcement, to be at risk of death or serious physical harm due to being kidnapped and/or missing.

OTHER STATES

To date, similar legislation has passed (signed by Governor) in the following states:

1. Kansas - April 17, 2009
2. New Jersey - January 29, 2010
3. Nebraska - March 17, 2010
4. Minnesota - May 13, 2010
5. New Hampshire - July 13, 2010
6. North Dakota - April 8, 2011
7. Tennessee - April 26, 2012
8. Hawaii - April 30, 2012
9. Missouri - July 6, 2012
10. Utah - March 27, 2013
11. West Virginia - April 12, 2013
12. Colorado - May 13, 2013
13. Nevada - May 23, 2013
14. Rhode Island - July 15, 2013
15. Oregon - March 6, 2014
16. Pennsylvania - October 22, 2014
17. Arkansas - March 13, 2015
18. Iowa - May 1, 2015
19. Washington - May 7, 2015
20. Louisiana - June 23, 2015
21. Delaware - August 7, 2015
22. Indiana - March 21, 2016
23. Virginia - March 29, 2016

24. Alabama - May 26, 2017
25. Kentucky - March 26, 2019 (named *Leah Carter Act*)
26. South Dakota – March 4, 2020
27. Wyoming – March 13, 2020
28. Oklahoma – May 3, 2021
29. Montana - May 3, 2021
30. Illinois - August 20, 2021

Currently, legislation is pending in Maryland, South Carolina, Wisconsin, and now, Alaska.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The Kelsey Smith Act ([S.466](#)) was introduced by Senators MORAN, Blunt, Fischer and Boozman. And in the House ([H.R.5655](#)) by Congressmen LATURNER, Davids, Estes, Mann, Palazzo, Owens, Bice and Joyce.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.kelseysarmy.org/>