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Legislation comes in the wake of the tragic disappearances of Prince McCree in Milwaukee and Lily Peters in Chippewa Falls.

MILWAUKEE — Gov. Tony Evers today signed the “Prince Act”—Senate Bill (SB) 981, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 272—which aims to address gaps in the Wisconsin AMBER Alert System by expanding criteria for issuing alerts for missing children. Gov. Evers enacted Act 272 at the former elementary school of Prince McCree, Hawley Environmental School in Milwaukee, whose tragic disappearance inspired his neighbor, State Sen. LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee), to champion and pass SB 981 to enhance Wisconsin’s AMBER Alert System. The governor was joined for the signing ceremony by members of Prince’s family, bill co-author State Sen. Johnson, school and district officials, students, and community members, among others.

The Prince Act was created in response to the tragic disappearances and deaths of Prince McCree and Lily Peters to ensure authorities in future missing child cases have expanded resources to issue quicker and more robust alert notices to the public, hopefully ensuring kids are able to be quickly located and returned home safely in the future.

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