

**House File 2645 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 732)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the establishment of an electronic court  
2 notification system.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 602.1209B Electronic court  
2 notification system.

3 1. For purposes of this section:

4 a. *"Enrolled individuals"* means:

5 (1) Every person who receives a citation, is arrested, or  
6 otherwise enters any criminal justice proceeding after the  
7 establishment of an opt-out electronic court notification  
8 system by the state court administrator.

9 (2) Every person who is a victim or witness associated with  
10 a criminal justice proceeding.

11 (3) Any attorney representing a person in a criminal justice  
12 proceeding or a legal guardian of a person involved in a  
13 criminal justice proceeding.

14 b. *"Opt-out electronic court notification system"* means a  
15 system designed and operated to inform enrolled individuals  
16 through electronic, text-based notifications for criminal cases  
17 in which such individuals are involved.

18 2. The state court administrator shall, by July 1, 2027,  
19 establish an opt-out electronic court notification system for  
20 all pending and future criminal case actions. The system shall  
21 meet all of the following requirements:

22 a. Deliver text-based notifications to enrolled individuals  
23 regarding all public case proceedings and events, including  
24 appearance reminders containing the date, time, and location,  
25 and notification of fees due and methods of payment.

26 b. Provide enrolled individuals with a clear and simple  
27 option to opt out of receiving notifications through the  
28 electronic court notification system.

29 c. Protect against the disclosure of nonpublic information,  
30 including information filed in cases under seal.

31 d. Limit participation in the electronic court notification  
32 system to enrolled individuals.

33 3. The electronic court notification system may be operated  
34 by the Iowa judicial branch or be operated under a contract  
35 with a qualified third-party entity that meets the requirements

1 of this section.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
4 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to the establishment of an electronic  
6 court notification system.

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The bill provides that the state court administrator  
8 shall, by July 1, 2027, establish an opt-out electronic court  
9 notification system for all pending and future criminal case  
10 actions. The system shall: deliver text-based notifications  
11 to enrolled individuals regarding all public case proceedings  
12 and events, including appearance reminders containing the date,  
13 time, and location, and notification of fees due and methods  
14 of payment; provide enrolled individuals with a clear and  
15 simple option to opt out of receiving notifications through  
16 the electronic court notification system; protect against the  
17 disclosure of nonpublic information, including information  
18 filed in cases under seal; and limit participation in the  
19 electronic court notification system to enrolled individuals.

20 The bill provides that the electronic court notification  
21 system may be operated by the Iowa judicial branch or be  
22 operated under a contract with a qualified third-party entity  
23 that meets the requirements of the bill.