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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring crime alerts to be distributed in a format
1.3 that disabled citizens can access; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 611A.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[611A.0393] CRIME ALERTS; VIOLENT CRIMES; DISABLED**
1.7 **ACCESS.**

1.8 If a law enforcement agency provides a crime alert to citizens within its jurisdiction,
1.9 the alerts and any accompanying documents must be in a form that a disabled person
1.10 can access with commercially available text-based screen reader software. Any contact
1.11 information provided by a citizen requesting a crime alert is classified as private data
1.12 on individuals.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009.