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WHEREAS, NIU should promptly keep students well-informed about public safety issues.

WHEREAS, The Department of Police and Public Safety only uses text alerts for emergencies that present an imminent threat to the general campus.

WHEREAS, As the text alert system has been utilized only three times over several years and sometimes does not reach all subscribers, the effect of text message alerts on the perception of NIU safety is doubtful.

Therefore, be it resolved by the students of Northern Illinois University represented in this Senate enact:
That the Student Association Senate formally requests that the University utilize the text message alert system for selective advisories notifying subscribers of major events occurring on or near campus that affect the student body, even if not posing an immediate threat to their safety.

Furthermore, the Senate requests that the University take steps to ensure alerts reach as many students as possible, including (but not limited to) ensuring the reliability of subscribers receiving sent messages and making it mandatory that the University offer text alert sign-up for incoming students during application or orientation.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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I hereby verify that the Student Association Senate has approved the following legislation in accordance with the rules and requirements set forth in the Student Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Senate Operating Rules and Procedures.

Kyle Bak, Clerk of the Senate
This legislation is now considered binding under the laws of the Student Association, given under my hand in DEKALB, ILLINOIS on the FIFTH day of DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN.

SEAL:

Austin M. D. Quick, Speaker of the Senate