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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING CRYPTOCURRENCY THEFT AND THE
RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION TO FIGHT SUCH THEFT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) (A) Define digital
- 2 currency in the penal code as a monetary instrument in a manner that is
- 3 consistent with banking definitions; (B) allow preconviction
- 4 confiscation of digital wallets associated with theft in order to create a
- 5 victims' compensation fund; and (C) create a hearing process to allow
- 6 due process that notices the alleged offender who is the holder of the
- 7 digital wallet; and (2) create an operating budget within the Department
- 8 of Emergency Services and Public Protection to (A) acquire the needed
- 9 technology to pursue cryptocurrency theft, and (B) support training and
- 10 communications between local police departments and the Department
- 11 of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Statement of Purpose:

To make cryptocurrency theft easier to prosecute, allow for compensation of victims and provide resources to ease the pursuit of such cases to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.