

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2025-01
Bill No.: HB 794
Subject: Emergencies; Crimes and Punishment
Type: Original
Date: March 26, 2013

Bill Summary: This proposal expands the Amber Alert System to include missing endangered persons, specifies the criteria for being a missing endangered person, and changes the system's name to the Amber Alert and Silver Alert System.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health, Office of the State Public Defender, Office of the State Courts Administrator, and Office of Prosecution Services** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state the number of Class I (imminent danger) abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation hotline reports to the Central Registry Unit (CRU) may increase as a result of this proposal, and thereby the number of investigations that must be conducted by the Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS). However, DSDS is unable to predict the amount of the increase, if any.

The proposal is not expected to fiscally impact DHSS; however, if it is determined at a later date that a fiscal impact is realized, the department would pursue additional funding via the appropriations process.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** state the proposed legislation states, "as soon as practicable, the committee shall adopt criteria and procedures to expand the Amber Alert and Silver Alert system to provide urgent public alerts related to homeland security, criminal acts, health emergencies, and other imminent dangers to the public health and welfare." Any expansion of the current Emergency Alert System (EAS) Amber Alert system will require a total system replacement. The state funding to complete this can be done at little cost to our agency because the Patrol has been working towards improvements gradually as grant funding has become available. Therefore, the Highway Patrol anticipates no fiscal impact.

However, this is not true for the radio broadcasters.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state penalty provisions for violations, the component of the bill to have potential fiscal impact for DOC, is for a class A misdemeanor. Currently, the DOC cannot predict the number of new commitments which may result from the creation of the offense(s) outlined in this proposal. An increase in commitments depends on the utilization by prosecutors and the actual sentences imposed by the court.

If additional persons are sentenced to the custody of the DOC due to the provisions of this legislation, the DOC will incur a corresponding increase in operational cost through supervision provided by the Board of Probation and Parole (FY12 average of \$4.960 per offender, per day, or an annual cost of \$1,810 per offender).

ASSUMPTION (continued)

In summary, supervision by the DOC through probation would result in some additional costs, but it is assumed the impact would be \$0 or a minimal amount that could be absorbed within existing resources.

According to officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)**, many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, we also recognize that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what our office can sustain with our core budget. Therefore, we reserve the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials from the Department of Transportation did not respond to our request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses involved in the Amber Alert System (broadcasters, etc.) could potentially be impacted by this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety
Department of Health and Senior Services
Office of Prosecution Services
Office of the State Public Defender
Department of Corrections
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the Secretary of State
Department of Mental Health

Not Responding:

Department of Transportation



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