

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1631-01
Bill No.: HB 679
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Emergencies
Type: Original
Date: February 23, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal expands the Amber Alert System to include missing endangered persons, specifies the criteria for being an endangered person, and changes its name to the Amber Alert and Silver Alter System.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Highway	(\$60,000)	(\$5,125)	(\$5,253)
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	(\$60,000)	(\$5,125)	(\$5,253)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** state the proposal requires that the Amber Alert System be expanded to include missing and endangered persons with this information being entered into the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES). It also changes the name to the Amber Alert and Silver Alert System. The estimated cost of adding this enhancement to MULES is \$60,000 plus a yearly maintenance cost of \$5,000 to the Highway Funds.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** state the bill would establish a Silver Alert System for missing endangered adults similar to the Amber Alert System for missing children. The number of Class I (imminent danger) abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation hotline reports to DHSS - Central Registry Unit may increase as a result of this proposal, and thereby the number of investigations that must be conducted by DHSS. However, DHSS is unable to predict the amount of the increase, if any. At this time, DHSS estimates there would not be a significant fiscal impact on the division. However, if it is determined at a later date that a fiscal impact is realized, DHSS would pursue additional funding via the appropriations process.

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health** and the **Missouri Lottery Commission** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

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

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
HIGHWAY FUNDS			
Costs - DPS - MHP - programming expense to incorporate changes into MULES	<u>(\$60,000)</u>	<u>(\$5,125)</u>	<u>(\$5,253)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO HIGHWAY FUNDS	<u>(\$60,000)</u>	<u>(\$5,125)</u>	<u>(\$5,253)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal changes the name of the Amber Alert System to the Amber Alert and Silver Alert System and expands its responsibilities to include aiding in the identification and location of a missing endangered person. An "endangered person" is defined as an individual who:

1. Does not meet the criteria for an Amber alert;
2. Is missing under unexplained, involuntary, or suspicious circumstances; and
3. Is believed to be in danger because of age, guardianship, health, mental or physical disability, environmental, or weather conditions; or
4. Is in the company of a potentially dangerous person or is affected by some other factor that may put the individual in peril.

An endangered person does not include anyone who is considered to be a runaway to whom specified conditions do not apply.

The bill changes the name of the Amber Alert System Oversight Committee to the Alert System Oversight Committee.

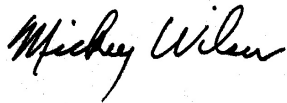
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety
Department of Health and Senior Services
Missouri Lottery Commission
Department of Mental Health

Not Responding:

Department of Transportation



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