

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2169-01
Bill No.: SB 453
Subject: Children and Minors; Disabilities; Elderly; Emergencies
Type: Original
Date: March 16, 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 Alert 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.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

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

Oversight was unable to receive any of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

In response to a similar proposal from this year (HB 679), officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** stated 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.

In response to a similar proposal from this year (HB 679), officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** stated 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.

In response to a similar proposal from this year (HB 679), officials from the **Department of Mental Health** and the **Missouri Lottery Commission** each assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
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HIGHWAY FUNDS

<u>Costs - DPS - MHP - programming expense to incorporate changes into MULES</u>	<u>(\$60,000)</u>	<u>(\$5,125)</u>	<u>(\$5,253)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO HIGHWAY FUNDS	<u>(\$60,000)</u>	<u>(\$5,125)</u>	<u>(\$5,253)</u>
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<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

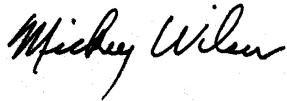
This act changes the name of the Amber Alert System to the Amber and Silver Alert System and expands the system to include assistance in identifying and locating a missing endangered person, defined as a person who: (1) does not meet the criteria for an Amber alert; (2) is missing under unexplained, involuntary, or suspicious circumstances; and (3) is believed to be in danger because of age, guardianship, health, disability, environmental or weather conditions, or is in the company of a potentially dangerous person. A missing endangered person does not include a runaway. Additionally, this act requires missing persons reports to include the name, address, and phone number of the guardian, if any, of the missing person.

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

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