

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0697-01  
Bill No.: HB 176  
Subject: Children and Minors; Crimes and Punishment; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Public Safety Department.  
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Date: January 27, 2003

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
General Revenue	(\$91,612)	(\$59,055)	(\$60,553)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(\$91,612)</b>	<b>(\$59,055)</b>	<b>(\$60,553)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Office of Information Technology** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact. However, in response to similar legislation from this year, the AGO assumed they could absorb any additional costs resulting from this proposal with existing resources.

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact. However, in response to similar legislation from this year, MoDOT stated this proposal establishes both local and statewide abduction-alert programs. MoDOT stated it is not designated as a state-emergency-alert-system broadcaster, however, MoDOT can voluntarily utilize its message devices (Changeable Message Signs and Dynamic Message Signs) for displaying abduction-alert messages. MoDOT assumed that it will not purchase new devices for the primary purpose of displaying such messages, and therefore, assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

**ASSUMPTION** (continued)

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** assume there would be costs due to additional publishing duties related to the Department of Public Safety's authority to promulgate rules, regulations, and forms. SOS estimates the division could require as many as 10 new pages of regulations in the Code of State Regulations at a cost of \$27.00 per page, and 15 new pages in the Missouri Register at a cost of \$23.00 per page. Costs due to this proposal are estimated to be \$615,

however, the actual fiscal impact would be dependent upon the actual rule-making authority and may be more or less. Financial impact in subsequent fiscal years would depend entirely on the number, length, and frequency of the rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. SOS does not anticipate the need for additional staff as a result of this proposal, however, the enactment of more than one similar proposal may, in the aggregate, necessitate additional staff.

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. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** state their Division of Drug and Crime Control (DDCC) would require 1 FTE as a result of this legislation. Duties would include serving as coordinator for the AMBER alert program, running the program for small agencies, verifying the accuracy of data provided, maintaining the rules, creating, maintaining and purging files and maintaining statistics on the program.

In addition, it would be necessary for the current staff to develop an initial set of rules. Since this is one-time only, the MHP's DDCC assumes it could be handled through overtime, rather than with an additional or part-time FTE. Therefore, an overtime cost of approximately \$2,080 (\$13.00 x 160 hrs) would be incurred.

The MHP assumes the cost to implement this proposal would be \$92,302 in the first year (which includes the purchase of car and other necessary equipment for the new FTE), and then roughly \$60,000 per year thereafter.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Director's Office** state that their department would be responsible to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies and public commercial television and radio broadcasters. Currently, the Highway Patrol coordinates the Missouri ALERT system, therefore this proposal would not fiscally impact the Director's Office.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

In response to similar legislation from this year, officials from the **Taney County Sheriff's** office stated there would be costs to the local governments by requiring all currently existing alert programs operating as of August 28, 2003 to become compliant with the Department of Public Safety's system by January 1, 2004. The cost estimate is unknown and depends upon the requirements that DPS will have for the program.

Officials from the **St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department** state this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Clark County Sheriff's** office stated that as long as no unfunded mandates to initiate a dedicated means of distributing the alerts are proposed, the legislation has virtually no impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Kansas City Police Department** and the **Reynolds County Sheriff** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes the proposal would result in some cost to local political subdivisions if they must make changes to their alert systems to come into compliance with the new Amber Alert Program established with this proposal. These alert systems must become compliant by January 1, 2004, therefore, Oversight has shown an unknown cost to local political subdivisions in FY 2004.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Costs - Missouri Highway Patrol</u>			
Personal Service (1 FTE)	(\$27,275)	(\$33,549)	(\$34,387)
Fringe Benefits	(\$17,251)	(\$21,220)	(\$21,750)
Equipment and Expenses	<u>(\$47,086)</u>	<u>(\$4,286)</u>	<u>(\$4,416)</u>
<u>Total Costs - Missouri Highway Patrol</u>	<u>(\$91,612)</u>	<u>(\$59,055)</u>	<u>(\$60,553)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$91,612)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$59,055)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$60,553)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Costs</u> - to make current alert systems compliant with new Amber Alert Program	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT FOR LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal establishes a statewide Amber Alert system to aid law enforcement in locating an abducted person. The proposal creates an advisory board, consisting of the Attorney General and representatives from law enforcement, the media, and citizens from each local Amber Alert system, to assist in the implementation of the program. The Department of Public Safety will coordinate the operation of the statewide system. Local Amber Alert systems must become compliant with the statewide system by January 1, 2004.

This legislation is not federally mandated and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. The proposal may duplicate other programs that are currently in place. Alert Missouri, similar to the AMBER Alert program, is currently administered by the Department of Public Safety and was issued by Executive Order 02-17.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department  
Clark County Sheriff  
Taney County Sheriff

**NOT RESPONDING:**      **Kansas City Police Department, Reynolds County Sheriff**



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