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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 74** HLS 26RS 324

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Public Safety		Analyst: Katherine Granier
Subject: Creates the Spectrum Alert Act		

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Creates a "Spectrum Alert" system to assist in locating missing persons with autism spectrum disorder

Proposed law creates the Spectrum Alert system to alert the public when a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) goes missing. Proposed law provides that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (State Police) develop and implement an alert system, and develop training for law enforcement officers on responding to Spectrum Alerts. Proposed law provides for immunity from liability.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law creates the Spectrum Alert System to alert the public when a child with ASD goes missing, including promulgating rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and developing training for law enforcement. Any expenditures incurred by DPS can be absorbed with existing resources. Additionally, LSP and the Office of Technology Services (OTS) collaborated to determine that LSP will be adding the spectrum alert to the existing RAVE alert system, which will not have any additional cost under the existing contract. Also, LSP has determined that the proposed law would not require any IT-related upgrades, modifications, and/or acquisitions; the current technology used for the AMBER and Silver Alert and Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory will remain the same in the event this proposed law goes into effect.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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Dual Referral Rules

- 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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- 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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