

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2104 - HB 2630

February 20, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to implement and provide oversight for a program to assist in locating missing, vulnerable citizens, called the Silver Alert program, which supplants the Care Alert program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditure - \$56,100/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Under current law, the Care Alert program is coordinated by local law enforcement agencies.
- This legislation does not substantially expand the group of citizens covered by the program, but does centralize the oversight to that of the TBI. Under this legislation, when a local law enforcement agency receives notice that a citizen is missing and has received a caregiver's statement verifying the condition of the missing citizen, the agency shall begin an investigation immediately and notify the TBI within four hours of receiving the notice of the missing citizen. The TBI is required to send the alert to designated media outlets in this state. Further, the TBI shall provide information and education on the Silver Alert statewide protocol to all law enforcement agencies in this state.
- As the TBI is required to oversee all local law enforcement agencies investigating a missing, vulnerable person under this legislation, the TBI would require an intelligence analyst to handle the increased workload to the department.
- An intelligence analyst 2 makes \$42,468 in salary and \$13,620 in benefits each year.
- There will be a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$56,088 (\$42,468 + \$13,620) as a result of the new personnel in FY20-21 and subsequent years.
- As the investigation is still to be conducted by the local law enforcement agencies, there will not be a significant enough reduction in work to estimate a decrease in local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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