

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4481-02
Bill No.: HB 1758
Subject: Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Crimes and Punishment
Type: Original
Date: February 15, 2010

Bill Summary: The proposal creates a Blue Alert System and a Blue Alert System Oversight Committee to aid in the identification and location of any person suspected of killing or seriously wounding a law enforcement officer.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
General Revenue	(\$1,260,000)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$1,260,000)	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Transportation, Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety – Capitol Police, – Missouri State Water Patrol, Missouri Senate, Office of the State Public Defender,** and the **Boone County Sheriff’s Department** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Director’s Office** assume any costs associated with this proposal can be absorbed within existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of the Governor** assume no added costs are anticipated as a result of this bill. However, if additional duties are placed on the Office of the Governor related to appointments in other Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed legislation, there may be the need for additional staff resources in future years.

Oversight assumes the Office of the Governor will request any funding needed for additional FTE through the appropriation process, if they experience an increase that would justify additional FTE.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Missouri State Highway Patrol’s (MSHP) Communications Division** states that the MSHP currently maintains the Emergency Alert System (EAS). To add a blue alert to the system would require an upgrade to the entry application located at Troop F Headquarters. This upgrade would require 80 to 100 hours to design and program which would be handled in-house. The upgrade would also require an ENDEC device at each television and/or radio outlet in the state. The ENDEC is an encoder and decoder that translates the alert data into video or audio. Estimates for each device could cost as much as \$2,000 depending on the replacement or upgrade required at each location. It is estimated that 380 devices will be needed for a cost of \$760,000 (\$2000 x 380).

ASSUMPTION (continued)

In addition, this proposed legislation requires the Blue Alert System Oversight Committee to adopt criteria and procedures to expand the blue alert system to provide urgent public alerts related to homeland security, criminal acts, health emergencies, and other imminent dangers to the public health and welfare. This type of notification system would require a substantial upgrade. An alerting system using common alerting protocol (CAP) would be required and would require an additional receiver at each radio station. It is not possible to give an exact cost without the specific specifications on what the needs are; however, the estimated cost of this equipment and installation is approximately \$500,000.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this proposal for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes this is a small amount and does not expect additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the SOS can sustain with their core budget. Any additional required funding would be handled through the budget process.

Officials from the Missouri Lottery, Office of Prosecution Services, Buchanan County Sheriff's Department, Clark County Sheriff's Department, Columbia Police Department, Independence Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson City Police Department, Kansas City Police Department, Platte County Sheriff's Department, Springfield Police Department, St. Charles Police Department, St. Joseph Police Department, St. Louis County Police Department, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – Missouri State Highway Patrol</u>			
ENDEC Device	(\$760,000)	\$0	\$0
CAP System Upgrade	(\$500,000)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Total Costs – MSHP</u>	<u>(\$1,260,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
	<u>(\$1,260,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<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

The proposal establishes the Blue Alert System to assist in the identification, location, and apprehension of an individual suspected of killing or seriously wounding any local, state, or federal law enforcement officer. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) must develop regions to provide the system and coordinate local law enforcement agencies and public broadcasters to effectively provide the system. The system will include all state agencies capable of providing urgent and timely information to the public together with broadcasters and other private entities that volunteer to participate in the dissemination of urgent public information. Any person who knowingly makes a false report that triggers an alert will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

The Blue Alert System Oversight Committee is established within the (DPS) to develop criteria and procedures for the system.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

This legislation is not federally mandated and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

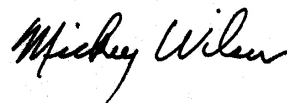
This legislation appears to duplicate current notification channels utilizing the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES), the National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (NLETS), and the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC).

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Transportation
Department of Corrections
Department of Public Safety
– Capitol Police
– Missouri State Water Patrol
– Missouri State Highway Patrol
– Director's Office
Office of the Governor
Missouri Senate
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of the State Public Defender
Boone County Sheriff's Department

NOT RESPONDING

Missouri Lottery, Office of Prosecution Services, Buchanan County Sheriff's Department, Clark County Sheriff's Department, Columbia Police Department, Independence Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson City Police Department, Kansas City Police Department, Platte County Sheriff's Department, Springfield Police Department, St. Charles Police Department, St. Joseph Police Department, St. Louis County Police Department, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department



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