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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 3856	Introduced on February 1, 2023
Author:	Howard	
Subject:	Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Alerts	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	April 4, 2023 - Updated for Additional Agency Response	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to include notifications for missing endangered persons with Alzheimer's disease or a developmental disability, such as autism spectrum disorder, in its Endangered Person Notification System. It also authorizes SLED to transmit wireless emergency alert (WEA) notifications as part of the notification system.

This bill requires SLED to employ a new WEA notification system, which will result in a recurring General Fund expense of \$132,059 for additional staffing and operating costs, as well as a non-recurring General Fund expense of \$72,600 for equipment and operating needs. Therefore, SLED will incur a General Fund expenditure impact of \$204,659 in FY 2023-24 and of \$132,059 in the years thereafter.

This impact statement has been updated to include a response from SLED.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response on April 4, 2023 Introduced on February 1, 2023

State Expenditure

This bill requires SLED to include notifications for missing endangered persons with Alzheimer's disease or a developmental disability, such as autism spectrum disorder, in its Endangered Person Notification System. In addition, the bill authorizes the Missing Person Information Center, a division of SLED, to transmit WEA notifications as part of the notification system. SLED does not currently have the capability to send such alerts. The agency anticipates it will need to procure new software and hire an additional special agent (1.0 FTE, plus agent overtime) to support the increased workload. SLED reports that in FY 2021-22, there were 792 people entered as missing endangered into the notification system, and of those, 248 were noted as having Alzheimer's disease or dementia. SLED did not provide information on how many of the 792 individuals entered into the system may have had a developmental disability.

SLED anticipates implementation of the bill will result in a recurring General Fund expense of \$89,463 for personnel costs associated with hiring the additional special agent, a recurring

General Fund expense of \$42,596 for operating costs (including gas, iPhone with hotspot, mobile and portable 800 radio services, other recurring costs, uniform replacement, training/travel, technology licenses, 1/5 vehicle replacement, WEA notification software, and other recurring costs), and a non-recurring General Fund expense of \$72,600 for equipment and operating needs (including protective vest and cover, weapons, duty belt, holster, uniforms, boots, raingear, gloves, handcuffs, personal protective equipment, and computer equipment). Therefore, SLED will incur a General Fund expenditure impact of \$204,659 in FY 2023-24 and of \$132,059 in the years thereafter. The agency anticipates requesting a General Fund appropriation increase to cover these additional expenses.

This section of the fiscal impact statement has been updated to include a response from SLED.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on February 1, 2023

State Expenditure

This bill requires SLED to send wireless emergency alert notifications to law enforcement agencies and the public when a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or dementia is reported missing.

The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, dependent upon a response from SLED.

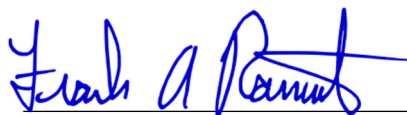
State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue



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