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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7533**  
**BILL NUMBER: HB 1277**

**NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2005**  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Amber Alert for the Elderly.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Austin  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the State Police to issue an Amber Alert to assist in the search for a missing endangered senior. The bill provides that a law enforcement agency that receives a notification concerning a missing endangered senior must prepare and forward a report concerning the missing endangered senior within five hours to: (1) other law enforcement agencies; (2) the National Crime Information Center; (3) the data and communication system; and (4) broadcasters participating in the Amber Alert program. It makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill requires the Indiana State Police (ISP) to issue an Amber Alert for a missing endangered senior.

The Indiana State Police reports that the cost to add missing endangered seniors to the Amber Alert would be approximately \$5,500 for implementation, and an additional \$458 each time the Amber Alert is activated.

<b>Printing of training materials for law enforcement agencies and broadcasters:</b>	\$1,500
<b>Printing of informational brochures for the public:</b>	\$4,000
<b>Total</b>	\$5,500

*Additional Callouts:* The bill may result in additional callouts during non-business hours. The number of additional callouts is not known. Callouts take approximately four hours. Currently, when the system is activated, the following personnel respond.

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Hourly Salary (including fringe benefits)</b>	<b>Total Personnel Cost (4 Hours)</b>
<b>Major</b>	\$36.47	\$145.88
<b>Lieutenant</b>	\$31.27	\$125.08
<b>Sergeant</b>	\$28.59	\$114.36
<b>Civilian</b>	\$18.09	\$72.36
<b>Total</b>	\$114.42	<b>\$457.68</b>

Any increase in expenditures is dependent on the number of additional callouts made for missing endangered seniors. If 10 callouts are made, an additional \$4,577 in expenditures would be anticipated annually.

*Additional Administrative Duties:* The bill requires the reporting law enforcement agency to forward their report to the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children. This would result in additional administrative duties, but any increase is likely small.

*Background Information:* Since its implementation in October 2002, the Amber Alert system has been activated 14 times. The ISP contracts with local broadcasters to activate the system. Broadcasters provide their services on a voluntary basis.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana State Police.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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