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**SB 20-079**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Fields; Hisey Rep. Valdez D.	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:**                   **METHOD OF NOTIFYING PEOPLE OF AMBER ALERTS**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**           **No fiscal impact.** This bill requires the Department of Public Safety to utilize a technological application that promotes the largest reach of community notifications when sending Amber alerts. It is assessed as having no fiscal impact on state and local governments.

**Appropriation Summary:**           No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:**                This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the Department of Public Safety to send AMBER Alerts using technological applications that promote the largest reach of community notifications.

## Background and Assumptions

AMBER Alerts are emergency messages issued when a law enforcement agency determines that a child has been abducted and is in imminent danger. The CBI began using a program to coordinate AMBER Alerts called Alert Sense in February 2018 at an annual cost of \$5,975 from the General Fund. Alert Sense is Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) compatible, which supports wireless emergency alerts. With this capability, the fiscal note assumes that the CBI's current technological application meets the criteria of the bill.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Because the CBI already uses a technological application for AMBER Alerts that is assumed to meet the criteria of the bill, as discussed above, there is no change to state or local government revenue or expenditures. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 20, 2020.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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