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Bill Topic: SUPPORTING WANDERING PERSONS RECOVERY PROGRAMS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, TABOR Refund, State Expenditure, Local Government, State Transfer, Statutory Public Entity

The bill expands the current wanderer recovery grant program and adds additional responsibilities for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. The bill increases state expenditures and local revenue beginning in FY 2020-21.

Appropriation Summary: In FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$279,561 to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 20-182

Table with 4 columns: Category, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total), Total FTE, Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

The bill renames lifesaver programs to wanderer recovery programs and expands the current grant program administered by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to support both the creation and maintenance of wanderer recovery programs in local jurisdictions. A wanderer recovery program is a program where participants receive an electronic device that may be used to assist in locating the participants in cases where they are missing. Wanderer recovery programs are generally utilized for individuals with developmental disabilities or cognitive impairments. The bill also renames the cash fund used to fund the grant program from the Lifesaver Program Cash Fund to the Wanderer Recovery Cash Fund.

The current grant program provides grants to county governments for establishing a wanderer recovery program. The bill expands eligibility criteria to allow for county, municipal, or organizations designated by county or municipal governments, to apply for grants to support the establishment or maintenance of a wanderer recovery program. The bill also eliminates the cap of \$10,000 for grant awards, and removes the cap on the amount the General Assembly may annually appropriate to the wanderer recovery program cash fund, which is used to fund the program.

The bill also directs the CBI to establish and maintain a website that:

- lists local governments or designees that offer a wanderer recovery program and their contact information;
- lists resources for caretakers of persons with medical conditions that cause wandering;
- provides procedures to follow when a wanderer recovery program participant has gone missing;
- describes how wanderer recovery program technology works; and
- provides any other information the CBI concludes is necessary to explain and publicize wanderer recovery programs.

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) by \$283,704 and 0.2 FTE in FY 2020-21, and by \$284,751 and 0.2 FTE in FY 2021-22, as shown in Table 2 and discussed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 20-182

	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Department of Public Safety		
Personal Services	\$9,561	\$10,430
Grant Funding	\$270,000	\$270,000
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$4,143	\$4,321
Total Cost	\$283,704	\$284,751
Total FTE	0.2 FTE	0.2 FTE

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Personal services. Beginning in FY 2020-21, DPS will require 0.2 FTE to administer the grant program, establish and maintain the public facing website regarding wandering persons programs, and to onboard new agencies to the Colorado Crime Information Center, which posts alerts regarding lost wandering persons.

Grant funding. Beginning in FY 2020-21, approximately \$270,000 in grants will be awarded to local governments or their designees to implement or maintain a wandering persons program. The fiscal note assumes approximately 18 different local government organizations will apply for grants each year with grants averaging \$15,000 each. This assumption is based on 50 percent of the current local government organizations participating in the Colorado Life Trak program.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$4,143 in FY 2020-21 and \$4,321 in FY 2021-22.

Local Government

The bill will increase local government revenue beginning in FY 2020-21 as local governments apply for and receive grant funding to implement or maintain wandering persons programs.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

In FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$279,561 to the Wandering Persons Program Cash Fund from the General Fund, and an appropriation of \$279,561 from the Wandering Persons Program Cash Fund to the Department of Public Safety.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	County Clerks	Information Technology
Public Safety	Sheriffs	