



## Legislative Council Staff

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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Fields; Moreno Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate Judiciary
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**Bill Topic:** **IMPROVING MISSING PERSON INVESTIGATIONS**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires expedited data entry and sharing of missing person reports by local law enforcement, and annual reporting concerning missing persons by the Department of Public Safety. The bill increases workload for state and local governments.

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

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

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## Summary of Legislation

As part of their annual SMART Act presentation, this bill requires the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to present information on missing person cases in Colorado. The report must include significant data, trends over time, and specific information about cases involving women from minority communities. The division must prepare the presentation within existing appropriations.

The bill requires that all local law enforcement agencies accept a missing person report if the person resides, was last known to reside, or credible information indicates was last believed to reside anywhere in Colorado. Law enforcement agencies must accept the report by telephone or electronic or other media if consistent with that agency's policies and practices. Current law requires agencies to enter relevant data into a crime information center database, and notify other relevant agencies within one day. This bill requires data entry and notification within eight hours for adults, and within two hours for children under 18. This requirement is also applied to the Department of Human Services for children who go missing from an out-of-home placement.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases workload in the DPS to prepare additional information for annual presentation to the General Assembly and within the Department of Human Services to make rule changes to existing regulations in the Department's Division of Child Welfare and the Division of Youth Services. This workload does not require additional appropriations.

## **Local Government**

Law enforcement agencies will have increased workload to update internal polices and create systems to expedite data entry and agency sharing of missing persons reports.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties  
Law  
Sheriffs

Human Services  
Municipalities

Judicial  
Public Safety