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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Fields; Moreno Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **IMPROVING MISSING PERSON INVESTIGATIONS**

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.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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 and persons 50 years of age or older. The division must prepare the presentation within existing appropriations.

With specified exceptions, 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 was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 7, 2022.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
Law
Sheriffs

Human Services
Municipalities

Judicial
Public Safety