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Senate Bill 456 (as reported without amendment)

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Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Mozelle Senior or Vulnerable Adult Medical Alert Act to require the Department of State Police (MSP) to establish the missing senior or vulnerable adult medical alert system plan, which would have to rapidly disseminate useful information about a missing senior or vulnerable adult through the existing wireless emergency medical alert system.

MCL 28.715

BRIEF RATIONALE

According to testimony, seniors or vulnerable adults are at a higher risk of going missing because of health issues like dementia. For example, common symptoms of dementia are confusion and disorientation, which can lead to wandering. Currently, when a senior or vulnerable adult goes missing and an individual reports the missing person to the police, the missing person's information is only distributed to police officers. In comparison, when a child is reported missing to the police, that information is distributed to police and broadcast publicly, such as through AMBER Alerts sent to people's cellphones. Testimony indicates that publicly broadcasting this information helps find a missing person faster, and so a system similar to AMBER alerts for missing seniors or vulnerable adults has been suggested.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of House Bill 5391 from the 2023-2024 Legislative Session

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would require the MSP to spend approximately \$20,000 (assumed General Fund/General Purpose) annually for costs associated with subscription fees/software for the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System alerting system platform, Crisis24 CodeRED, that would be used to issue emergency alerts and warnings.

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