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**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates an Amber+ Alert system to provide for the rapid dissemination of information and alerts with respect to youth who are between 12 and 25 years of age and reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, reported missing and at risk of harm, or reported missing and developmentally disabled or cognitively impaired.

Authorizes, if certain stipulated conditions have been met, a law enforcement agency to request the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to activate an Amber+ Alert (alert). Authorizes, if the TBI determines that the required conditions have been met, the TBI to activate such an alert within the appropriate geographical area requested by the agency. Encourages radio, television, cable, satellite, and social media systems to cooperate with the dissemination of information contained in an alert. Authorizes, upon activation of an alert, the TBI to assist the investigating agency by issuing a be-on-the-lookout alert, an electronic flyer, or social media alerts, and by providing other available means of assistance.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$975,700/FY24-25  
\$718,500/FY25-26 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, a law enforcement agency may request that an alert be activated if:
  - the missing person is a youth between 12 and 25 years of age;
  - there is information available that, if disseminated to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the missing person; and
  - the agency determines that an alert would be an effective tool in the investigation of a missing youth because:
    - the missing person suffers from a mental or physical disability;
    - the person is missing under circumstances that indicate any of the following:
      - the missing person's physical safety may be endangered; or
      - the missing person may be subject to sex trafficking;
    - the law enforcement agency determines that the person has gone missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances; or

- the law enforcement agency believes that the person is in danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability, or environment or weather conditions; that the person is in the company of a potentially dangerous person; or that there are other factors indicating the person may be in peril.
- The TBI currently operates the AMBER Alert, the Endangered Child Alert, the Endangered Young Adult Alert, the Silver Alert, and the BLUE Alert, all of which have different qualifying criteria and some of which overlap in the relevant age ranges of other alerts.
- Based on the historical issuance rates of those alerts, the resources that have been required in issuing and investigating those alerts, recent criminal incident data regarding missing persons in the relevant age range, and assumptions about how many such incidents will meet the legislation’s specific criteria and result in an alert request from a local law enforcement agency, the TBI is estimated to require four additional Intelligence Analyst 2 and two additional Special Agent Criminal Investigator 2 positions.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures related to salary and benefits for the positions is estimated to be \$556,088 in FY24-25 and subsequent years as follows:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b># Positions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Intelligence Analyst 2	\$66,600	\$18,657	4	\$341,028
Special Agent 2	\$85,704	\$21,826	2	\$215,061
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$556,088</b>

- The Special Agents will require an additional increase in expenditures for equipment, office supplies, communication, travel, training, and professional services estimated to be \$321,348 in FY24-25. The recurring increase for these things is estimated to be \$94,003 in FY25-26 and subsequent years.
- The Intelligence Analyst will require an additional increase in expenditures for equipment, office supplies, communication, training, and professional services estimated to be \$98,256 in FY24-25. The recurring increase for these things is estimated to be \$68,456 in FY25-26 and subsequent years.
- More information on the estimated one-time and recurring operational expenses for these positions is available upon request.
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$975,692 (\$556,088 salary and benefits + \$321,348 agent operational + \$98,256 analyst operational) in FY24-25.
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$718,547 (\$556,088 salary and benefits + \$94,003 agent operational + \$68,456 analyst operational) in FY25-26 and subsequent years.
- The legislation places no additional requirements on local law enforcement agencies.
- Any impact to private communication providers to assist in disseminating information will be borne by those private providers.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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