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**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015559):** Increases the age of missing persons, from those under 21 years of age to those under 25 years of age, for which any endangered child and young adult alert program, other than the America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response Alert (AMBER) system, operated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) must be applied.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-6-127, for purposes of any endangered child and young adult alert program implemented by the TBI that is distinct from the AMBER alert system, and that is used to notify local media about a missing child or young adult, along with any additional available information, such program shall be applied to a person who is under 21 years of age and who meets the criteria of being endangered, as established or determined by the bureau.
- The proposed legislation changes the applicable age in this statute to 25 years of age.
- Other than the AMBER alert, the TBI currently operates the Endangered Child Alert for children under the age of 18, the Endangered Young Adult Alert for those aged 18-20 years, and the Silver Alert for those aged 18 and older.
- The proposed legislation would have the effect of broadening the age range applicable for the Endangered Young Adult Alert from those aged 18-20, to those aged 18-25, with the other criteria for that alert remaining the same.
- The precise number of additional alerts this change will result in is unknown.
- It is assumed that the change will result in some increase in cases vetted and alerts issued by the TBI. However, the TBI estimates that it can accommodate any such increase within existing bureau resources.
- Therefore, any fiscal impact to the TBI is estimated to be not significant.
- Any fiscal impact to local law enforcement agencies is likewise estimated to be not significant because it is assumed that those cases would be duly investigated with or without such an alert.

- Any impact to private partners that assist the TBI in disseminating information around such alerts will be borne by those private providers.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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