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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/21/07

SPONSOR Martinez LAST UPDATED 2/24/07 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Endangered Person Advisory SB 912/aSPAC

ANALYST Wilson

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Municipal League

Sentencing Commission (SC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee amendment to Senate Bill 912 adds a person suffering from Alzheimer’s disease to the definition of an “endangered person”.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 912 adds “endangered person” to the Missing Persons Information Act. The bill requires DPS to determine if a missing person is an endangered person and to immediately announce the situation on an AM radio station, similar to the Amber alert.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution and documentation of statutory changes. Any additional fiscal impact on the judiciary would be proportional to the potential involvement of court personnel in assisting law enforcement agencies in appropriate investigations.

DPS will need additional resources to set up procedures and handle an unknown number of alerts in order to comply with SB 912.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SB 912 proposes to be an Amber alert type system for endangered persons. The federal amber alert system is applied to people under the age of 18. Several states have expanded Amber alert” type systems to include adults who are in endangered or vulnerable situations, such as, Maryland and Massachusetts.

According the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation there are 39,582 active missing adult cases in the United States as of December 31, 2005.

The Municipal League notes that the provisions of this bill might result in the broadcasting of a large number of emergency, endangered person alerts, depending upon the protocol established by the DPS.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill requires DPS to develop and implement procedures for the purpose of disseminating, as rapidly as possible, information about an endangered person.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

DPS claims that there is no direction in the bill to other law enforcement agencies to get timely, concise information to DPS to ensure the advisory is put out quickly.

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