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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6230
BILL NUMBER: HB 1021

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 20, 2024
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Green Alert for Missing at Risk Veterans.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Gore
FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Tomes

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill defines "veteran at risk". It creates the Green Alert Program to provide for public notification regarding missing veterans at risk. It changes the name of the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults to the Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children, Missing Veterans at Risk, and Missing Endangered Adults (Clearinghouse). It makes conforming changes to the duties of the clearinghouse. It creates certain duties and reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies concerning missing veterans at risk. It provides immunity for a broadcaster who broadcasts, or an electronic billboard operator who displays, a Green Alert notification and a person who establishes or maintains a Green Alert website under an agreement with the State Police Department. It also makes technical corrections.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* This bill creates new administrative requirements for the Clearinghouse and for the Indiana State Police. The procedures for administering the Green Alert Program closely follow the procedures for other high risk missing persons programs such as Silver Alert and Amber Alert systems. The costs for developing such procedures could range from minimal if those reported to be Veterans at Risk are presumed to be veterans or could require significant initial coordination with agencies that can verify an individual's veteran status. Verification requirements could also result in a delayed response. Since most of the individuals who meet the criteria for the Green Alert will also meet the high risk missing persons criteria under current law, the provisions of this bill likely will create little to no long-term workload increase.

Additional Information: The Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing

Endangered Adults is administered by the Indiana State Police (ISP). The Clearinghouse has two full time employees and is overseen by a sworn ISP officer. It does not have its own budget and costs associated with the Clearinghouse are paid out of ISP operating funds. ISP receives General Fund appropriation as well as dedicated revenue streams.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill creates new administrative requirements for local law enforcement agencies. The procedures for administering the Green Alert Program closely follow the procedures for other high risk missing persons programs such as Silver Alert and Amber Alert systems, so the costs for developing such procedures could be minimal. Since most of the individuals who meet the criteria for the Green Alert will also meet the high risk missing persons criteria under current law, the provisions of this bill likely will create little to no long-term workload increase.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Police, Indiana Clearinghouse for Information on Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement.

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