## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	HB260		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled

- **2. Patron:** Jones, J.C.
- 3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety
- **4. Title:** Establishes the Virginia Critically Missing Adult Alert Program.
- **5. Summary:** Creates a program for local, regional, or statewide notification of a critically missing adult, defined as an adult whose whereabouts are unknown, who is believed to have been abducted, and whose disappearance poses a credible threat to his health and safety. The bill also directs the Department of State Police to establish standards and procedures for local, regional or statewide notification of missing adults whose whereabouts are unknown, who are believed to have been abducted, and whose disappearance poses a threat to the missing adult's health and safety.
- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.
- 8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would require Virginia State Police (VSP) to develop policies and standards for the Critically Missing Adult Alert Programs throughout the Commonwealth and to inform all local law-enforcement officials of the policies and procedures to be used. It also requires VSP to assist in determining the geographic scope of a particular Critically Missing Adult Alert, and establish procedures and standards by which a local law-enforcement agency must verify that an adult is a critically missing adult. All law enforcement agencies must report such information to VSP. VSP estimates a one-time cost of \$50,440 to update their existing information technology system to implement this program. VSP currently operates a similar program, the Senior Alert Program. To comply with this legislation, the agency would need to expand the scope of the existing system to accommodate the greater number of entries, including missing adults of different ages. It is believed that VSP is able to absorb this one-time cost.
- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police and Local law enforcement agencies.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
- 11. Other Comments: None.