

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2498

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Krizek

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Endangered Missing Child Media Alert.

5. Summary: Provides that the Department of State Police may issue a public or media alert at the request of a law enforcement agency regarding a missing and endangered child who does not meet the definition of an abducted child solely because there is insufficient evidence to believe that the child has been abducted. The bill permits the Department to develop policies for the establishment of uniform standards for the implementation of an Endangered Missing Child Media Alert in such circumstances. Current law only provides for Amber Alerts, which are issued for children who are known to have been abducted.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Under current law, the Department of State Police (VSP) establishes standards for Amber Alert programs across the Commonwealth, including coordinating with local law enforcement agencies on policies and procedures. This bill would permit VSP to issue alerts for missing children who do not meet the criteria for an Amber Alert, which requires proof that an abduction has taken place. According to VSP, it does not expect any material fiscal impact on its operations as a result of this proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Local law enforcement agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.