

Department of Planning and Budget

2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2338

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Wiley

3. Committee: Public Safety

4. Title: Alerts for missing veterans who have a service-related health condition.

5. Summary: The bill requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to allow law enforcement agencies to use the network to disseminate to broadcasters and outdoor advertisers reports of missing veterans or members of the armed forces who are at risk due to a physical or mental health condition that is related to their service. The bill provides that DOJ must: (i) ensure that a law enforcement agency may access the network to disseminate a report or to persons on the list; (ii) provide a form for reports of missing adults at risk and missing veterans at risk that law enforcement agencies can access through the integrated crime alert network; (iii) train law enforcement officers on identifying reports of adults at risk; (iv) work directly with persons on the list maintained under par and with government agencies, broadcasters, and public and private organizations with missions focused on adults or veterans at risk to develop criteria for law enforcement officers to use to identify reports of missing adults or veterans at risk that are appropriate to disseminate. Additionally, if a law enforcement agency receives a report of a missing veteran at risk that is provided within 72 hours of the individual's disappearance, the agency must use the form under the integrated crime alert network to disseminate the report as soon as practically possible if there is reason to believe that the veteran at risk is missing due to his or her physical or mental health condition that is related to his or her service.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Department of State Police (VSP), the Department of Veterans Services (DVS), the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), or Sheriff's offices. Any potential fiscal impact on other state or local law enforcement agencies is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, Department of Conservation and Recreation, College and University Police Departments, Division of Capitol Police, Department of Wildlife Resources, Marine Resources Commission, Virginia Lottery, Office of the State Inspector General, Sheriff's offices, and local law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.