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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 01/30/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB 181Original Correction Amendment Substitute

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Short SUPPORT & TRAINING FOR
VARIOUS ALERTS

Agency Name
and Code
Number:

Aging and Long-Term Services
Department - 6400

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
NA	NA	NA	NA

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 181 (SB 181) makes appropriations for community outreach and law enforcement training to support the Turquoise, Amber, Brittany, and Silver alert operations and systems and for a statewide awareness and public service campaign to build awareness and understanding, improve response efficacy, and strengthen trust in the Turquoise alert system.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

SB 181 has no direct fiscal impact on ALTSD's operating budget, nor does it assign fiscal responsibility to the department.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

While the bill does not assign direct responsibilities or funding to ALTSD, it may have indirect implications for department programs serving older adults and other vulnerable populations. Enhanced alert systems for missing and endangered persons could increase interagency coordination needs, referrals, and follow-up service demands involving Adult Protective Services, long-term care providers, and community-based programs. The bill does not specify ALTSD's role or provide resources for post-recovery services or ongoing coordination, which may result in additional workload being absorbed within existing departmental resources.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

No immediate performance impacts are anticipated for ALTSD upon enactment.

SB181 may improve the timely identification and recovery of missing or endangered older adults and other vulnerable individuals, which could support improved safety outcomes. Enhanced alert systems may also result in increased referrals and follow-up activities involving Adult Protective Services and long-term care programs, potentially affecting caseloads and response capacity. The effectiveness of these outcomes may depend on coordination across agencies and the availability of appropriate post-recovery services within existing resources.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No immediate administrative implications are anticipated for ALTSD upon enactment.

The bill may increase the need for interagency coordination related to missing and endangered persons alerts, including coordination with law enforcement, service providers, and other state agencies. Although the bill does not assign specific responsibilities to ALTSD, enhanced alert systems may result in additional coordination, information sharing, and follow-up activities affecting departmental programs. These activities would likely need to be managed within existing administrative structures and resources.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No known conflict or duplication.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill funds IT development for a dedicated endangered/missing persons portal. Implementation will require clear governance regarding data entry standards, access controls, privacy/confidentiality, and integration with existing law enforcement systems.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If the bill is not enacted, statewide alert systems for missing and endangered persons, including Silver and Turquoise Alerts, may continue to operate with existing technological and coordination limitations. This could result in delayed dissemination of alerts, reduced interagency coordination, and diminished public awareness, potentially affecting the timely recovery of missing older adults and other vulnerable individuals. The absence of targeted outreach and system enhancements may limit opportunities to strengthen trust, response efficacy, and outcomes for populations at increased risk of harm when missing.

AMENDMENTS