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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/19/19
LAST UPDATED 3/09/19 **HB** 16/aSJC

SPONSOR Sanchez

SHORT TITLE Dept. of Public Safety Info Sharing **SB** _____

ANALYST Edwards

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See Fiscal Implications	See Fiscal Implications	See Fiscal Implications		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 42.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SJC Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Committee amendment for House Bill 16 strikes “As soon as it is practicable” and inserts “Within thirty days” in Section 1(A), which governs when the Department of Public Safety shares national missing and unidentified persons system information with the federal National Institute of Justice.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 16 proposes adding a new section to the Missing Persons Information and Reporting Act (29-15 NMSA 1978) titled the Mark Daniel Aguilar Information Sharing Requirement.

The bill requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to share with the federal Department of Justice National Missing and Unidentified Persons System all information in the state missing persons information clearinghouse and all information DPS receives pursuant to 29-15 NMSA 1978 regarding the identification and location of missing and unidentified persons or human remains.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DPS did not submit an estimated cost associated with this bill. However, the department already submits information on missing persons to the National Crime Information Center administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigations. DPS explains costs are “dependent on the way [DPS] chooses to transmit to the [data to] NamUs. This will either require a full time FTE or an electronic mechanism to communicate the information to Department of Justice.” An FTE for is cost may cost around \$70 thousand, including benefits.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Justice estimates that 600 thousand individuals go missing every year. Although many missing persons are found quickly alive and well, tens of thousands of persons remain missing for over a year.

DPS explains that, “as written the New Mexico Missing Persons Clearinghouse will be required to submit all reports to NamUs. In 2017 there were 12,872 entries into the Missing Persons’ Clearinghouse. In 2018 there were 11,792 entries. It would be difficult for [DPS] to ascertain which entries would need to be entered into NamUs that meet their criteria and with the investigative details of the case.”

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to Senate Bill 42, Missing Person Notification Requirements.

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