



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE
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| BILL: | SENATE BILL NO. 108 |
| SPONSOR: | Senator Poore |
| DESCRIPTION: | AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE GOLD ALERT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN MISSING PERSONS. |

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act revises the State's Gold Alert Program to include missing children and increase the dissemination of information to the public to better assist the State's search efforts.
3. According to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Delaware State Police (DSP), an estimated 900 unemancipated minors whose whereabouts may be unknown and are reported missing in Delaware by a parent or other legal guardian annually.
4. The DSP estimates that expanding the Gold Alert Program to include missing unemancipated minors would require 1.0 FTE, Community Relations Officer, to ensure compliance and rapid dissemination of information to various agencies that have a need to know about the missing person. The Fiscal Year 2024 personnel costs, including OECs at a rate of 32.25%, for the position are estimated at \$66,985.
5. Lastly, the Fiscal Year 2024 personnel costs have been estimated for nine months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining three months incorporated into the subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary and OECs.

Cost:

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| | <u>Operating/Recurring</u> |
| Fiscal Year 2024: | \$66,985 |
| Fiscal Year 2025: | \$91,100 |
| Fiscal Year 2026: | \$92,922 |

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