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House Bill 4482 (as reported with amendments) Sponsor: Representative Michelle McManus

House Committee: Human Services

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the uniform crime reporting Act to establish a missing children information clearinghouse in the Department of State Police; require that information regarding missing children be collected and disseminated to assist in their location; and require law enforcement agencies to report information to the clearinghouse.

In providing a centralized file for the exchange of information on missing children within the State, the clearinghouse would have to do all of the following: record each report on a missing child received from a law enforcement agency, as required by the bill; accept and record a report about a missing child from a law enforcement agency; exchange information with the National Crime Information Center on children suspected of interstate travel; and establish a policy regarding the compilation of a record of the reasons children become missing.

The law enforcement agency receiving a report about a missing child would have to report information about the child to the proposed clearinghouse, and report the information over the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) to other law enforcement agencies. If a missing child were not found within 30 days, the law enforcement agency would have to provide information from his or her dental records to the clearinghouse. In addition, the law enforcement agency would have to report to the clearinghouse if an unidentified child were found or if the body of a deceased child were found.

Upon locating a missing child, the originating law enforcement agency would have to remove the child from the clearinghouse record by means of the LEIN. If the agency had new information about a child's location, it would have to report that information to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the area in which the child could be located.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on State and local law enforcement agencies. The bill's provisions would be met by the use of the existing State LEIN system and current law enforcement personnel. The Department of State Police would create appropriate computer software to establish the clearinghouse program and provide enlisted State Police personnel who are already working on juvenile programs to administer the project.

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