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HOUSE BILL 6444 (H-1)

Sponsor: Rep. Nancy Cassis

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HOUSE BILL 6445 (H-1)

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SUMMARY

House Bills 6444 and 6445 would create the Michigan Amber Alert Act and the Child Abduction Broadcast Act, respectively. The acts would provide for the Department of State Police to rapidly disseminate useful information regarding child abductions to radio and television stations in the state, which could then broadcast that information to assist in the location of the abducted child or the apprehension of a suspect in the abduction.

There are costs to the Department of State Police associated with issuing the types of alerts covered under the bills. Given that the department is already issuing such alerts, however, those costs could likely be absorbed with existing resources.