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Senate Bill 466 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker
Committee: Families, Seniors and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would create the "Mozelle Senior or Vulnerable Adult Medical Alert Act" to:

- Require a law enforcement agency to prepare a report when it received notice of a "missing senior or vulnerable adult" from a person familiar with the individual (e.g., the individual's guardian, custodian, or home health aide).
- Specify information that would have to be included in a report.
- Require a law enforcement agency to forward information regarding a missing senior or vulnerable adult to certain other law enforcement agencies and to one or more area broadcasters.
- Allow a law enforcement agency to forward a copy of the contents of its report to one or more area newspapers.
- Require a law enforcement agency to request that broadcasters and newspapers notify the public of a senior or vulnerable adult medical alert.
- Provide limited immunity from civil liability to a broadcaster or newspaper that notified the public of a senior or vulnerable adult medical alert.

"Missing senior or vulnerable adult" would mean a Michigan resident who is one of the following:

- At least 60 years old and believed to be incapable of returning to his or her residence without assistance, and who is reported missing by a person familiar with that individual.
- A vulnerable adult, as defined in Section 145m of the Michigan Penal Code, who is reported missing by a person familiar with that individual.
- A person who is missing and suffering from senility or a physical or mental condition that subjects the person or others to personal and immediate danger.

(Under Section 145m of the Penal Code, "vulnerable adult" means an individual who is at least 18 years old who requires supervision or personal care or lacks the personal and social skills required to live independently due to age, developmental disability, mental illness, or physical disability; a child placed in an adult foster care family home or small group home as authorized by the Department of Human Services; or a vulnerable person who is at least 18 years old who is suspected of being or believed to be abused, neglected, or exploited.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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