

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Gardner D.  
Sen. King S.

**Bill Status:** House Judiciary

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY OF THE IMMINENT DANGER POSED BY A SUSPECT WHO HAS KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED A PEACE OFFICER.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2011-2012</b>	<b>FY 2012-2013</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> This bill becomes effective upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill creates the "Blue Alert" program to broadcast when a peace officer has been killed or seriously wounded in the line of duty and the suspect has fled the scene. The system would use the existing infrastructure as used for the Amber Alert. The Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI) is required to issue the Blue Alert after it receives a report of a wounded officer and a fleeing suspect from a local law enforcement agency. The CBI then directs the alert to be broadcasted by the Federal Communication Commission's designated state emergency broadcaster. Participating radio and television stations will broadcast the alert at designated intervals until the CBI cancels the alert.

**Assessment**

The bill is assessed as having minimal state and local fiscal impact. The low number of alerts expected will require no additional staff or equipment. In addition, the CBI anticipates using existing scheduled training sessions to inform and train local law enforcement agencies about the program, thereby eliminating any additional training or travel costs for the state or local governments. Finally, costs to develop the program's rules and training manuals are minimal and can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

**State Expenditures**

This bill directs the CBI to verify and issue the Blue Alert upon notification of an incident. Staff time will be required to coordinate the alert on an expedited basis. These costs are anticipated to be small and no new appropriations will be required.

**Departments Contacted**

Public Safety      Revenue      Corrections