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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Roemer and Williams

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The administrative workload of local law enforcement agencies that choose to initiate an alert under the Escaped Convict Alert Program (ECAP) may be minimally impacted.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates the Escaped Convict Alert Program (ECAP) to help identify and locate a person who has escaped from a jail, workhouse, or correctional institution while incarcerated for or awaiting adjudication of a felony offense and permits a law enforcement agency that receives a notice of an escape to activate the program for the surrounding area or region from which the person escaped.¹ Presumably ECAP alerts will be handled in the same manner as other regional alerts for local communities, such as missing persons/children alerts that do not reach the threshold for a Statewide Amber Alert notification. Such alerts are typically initiated by local law enforcement through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG), which is a free service provided to criminal justice agencies by the Ohio Attorney General. Assuming the same will apply to ECAP alerts, the bill may minimally impact the administrative workload of a local law enforcement agency that chooses to initiate an alert in response to a notice of an escape.

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¹ The bill specifies that a jail, workhouse, or correctional institution does not include a community-based correctional facility or halfway house for purposes of ECAP.