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Primary Sponsors: Reps. C. Thomas and Gross

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. It clarifies that if a missing child has autism spectrum disorder or another developmental disability, the local law enforcement agency must notify the existing statewide emergency alert program immediately. As such, the bill may shift the timing of the associated administrative workload to the extent such alerts are activated sooner by local law enforcement. It is important to note that the bill does not change the activation criteria (outlined in the [LSC bill analysis](#)). Under continuing law, the alert system is implemented for certain individuals, including those with autism spectrum disorder or another developmental disability, when activation criteria are met. Such alerts are 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.