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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Click and Lorenz

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill requires the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Steering Committee (ESINET) to establish and operate a special needs database. Based on the cost to operate the Ohio Sex Offender, Arson, and Violent Offender Registration and Notification System, which may be similar in its design and use, costs for a special needs database may be approximately \$700,000 per year.

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Steering Committee (ESINET) to establish and operate a special needs database. Although the exact cost of doing so would depend on the particular details of the system, if we assume that the Ohio Sex Offender, Arson, and Violent Offender Registration and Notification System, operated by the Attorney General, has similar characteristics we can estimate the cost of a special needs database to be approximately \$700,000 per year. The bill allows any person with a special need to register to be included in the database and provide details of the person's special need. First responders would then be provided that information via the database when that person is identified as part of a 9-1-1 call for service. It is unclear what funding source would be used to provide for the special needs database. ESI NET administrative costs are supported by the 9-1-1 Program Fund (Fund 5NM0) which receives 2% of 9-1-1 access fees.

The Attorney General operates the Ohio Sex Offender, Arson, and Violent Offender Registration and Notification System under contract with Watch Systems, LLC. The contract to operate the system for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium was approved by the Controlling Board on June 12, 2023. According to the Controlling Board request, Watch Systems, LLC., will be paid \$659,000 in FY 2024 and \$675,000 in FY 2025 for licensing, maintenance, and technical support for the system.

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