

# FISCAL NOTE

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 Component Alaska Bureau of Investigation  
 Sponsor Senator McGuire  
 Requester House Finance Committee Component Number 2744

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

|                               | Appropriation<br>Required | Information |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                               |                           | FY 2009     | FY 2009      | FY 2010      | FY 2011      | FY 2012      | FY 2013      | FY 2014      |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> |                           |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Personal Services             | 146.0                     |             | 146.0        | 146.0        | 146.0        | 146.0        | 146.0        | 146.0        |
| Travel                        | 18.0                      |             | 18.0         | 18.0         | 18.0         | 18.0         | 18.0         | 18.0         |
| Contractual                   | 70.0                      |             | 70.0         | 70.0         | 70.0         | 70.0         | 70.0         | 70.0         |
| Supplies                      | 4.0                       |             | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          |
| Equipment                     | 10.0                      |             | 10.0         | 10.0         | 10.0         | 10.0         | 10.0         | 10.0         |
| Land & Structures             |                           |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Grants & Claims               |                           |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Miscellaneous                 |                           |             |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>        | <b>248.0</b>              | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> |

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| <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

|                            |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
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| 1002 Federal Receipts      |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1003 GF Match              |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1004 GF                    | 248.0        |            | 248.0        | 248.0        | 248.0        | 248.0        | 248.0        | 248.0        |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts   |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health      |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other Interagency Receipts |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>248.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> | <b>248.0</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

|           |          |  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------|----------|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Full-time |          |  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Part-time |          |  |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Temporary | <b>2</b> |  | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Crime in Alaska is a significant issue. Statewide Crime Data for the year 2000 indicates a ranking of 22nd nationally. Violent crime statistics indicate a rate of 10th in the nation. Alaska is ranked 1st nationally in the category of sexual assault and sexual abuse. Alaska also has the highest per capita use of Internet resources. In Alaska, child enticement and child pornography occur in both urban and rural environments. To effectively respond to these crimes will require a significant shift in strategies to include embracing technology; training personnel to respond to the issues; and integrating resource groups to maximize the personnel and resources available to meet this need.

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### **ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

The Alaska Bureau of Investigation (ABI) is the only agency that has statewide law enforcement authority and the mandate to assist smaller rural agencies in the investigation of crime, including computer related crime.

As a component to this mission, ABI works closely local, state, and federal agencies to coordinate efforts in safeguarding our youth. This fiscal note focuses on strategies to address the five critical components of effective response to Internet crimes against children: investigation; forensics; prosecution; building capacity; and public education.

Qualified personnel are required. Internet crimes against children, like child enticement, child pornography, identity theft, or any other ways of injuring young people, are the type of offenses which require specialized skills by both investigators and prosecutors. Knowledge of hardware, software, connectivity, and identifying the offender are specialized areas of knowledge and skills. The legal issues are also unique. Specialized knowledge of the use of search warrants and interstate subpoenas are necessary.

Specialized equipment and on-going training to exceed projected need must be maintained. Computer technology is constantly evolving and equipment and training must keep up or surpass the opposition's. Much of this forensic training is only available outside the state, which increases the cost.

Rapid and accurate intelligence gathering, dissemination, and information sharing, not only among law enforcement, but also through public education on how to safeguard child Internet users as well as how to report Internet crimes against children is vital.

Due to passage of Amendment 6 in the House Finance Committee that pertains to mandatory reporting to law enforcement agencies by a person providing film, photo, or visual or printed matter processing, production, or finishing services or computer installation, repair, or other services, or Internet or cellular telephone services who, in the process of providing these services observes a film, photo, picture, computer file, image or other matter that depicts material enumerated in AS 11.41.455(a), a fiscal impact does occur.

Due to the severity of these crimes against children and the ease in which child pornography is viewed and distributed a special investigator trained to handle Internet sex crimes against children investigations and a computer technician positions are necessary.

This fiscal note includes funding for one criminal justice technician and one Alaska State Trooper investigator. Both employees will be classified as long-term / non-permanent positions. The reason for the non-permanent status is that experienced retired investigators can be hired and dedicated to this task far faster than hiring and training new employees with no previous experience. Also, the department is facing recruitment difficulties that necessitate the need to make these positions long term non-permanent at this time.