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BILL NO: SB 102

DATE: 2/23/87

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TITLE: "An Act relating to reports of missing persons..."

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The purpose of this bill is to establish, by statute, a Missing Persons Clearinghouse. In previous years, a missing persons unit has been maintained within the division of Alaska State Troopers without specific funding. Due to reduced budgets, this is no longer possible.

This bill requires all state and local law enforcement agencies to coordinate missing persons' reports through one central clearinghouse operated by the Department of Public Safety. The effect is the establishment of a central storage area for the collection, maintenance and dissemination of information relating to the identification, locating and return of missing persons.

In order to comply with this legislative mandate, we are conservatively requesting a part-time Clerk IV and the necessary equipment for this individual to perform the required tasks.

The Division of Alaska State Troopers supports passage of this legislation.


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Senate

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Fran Ulmer, Chairman
House State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Jan Faiks *Jan Faiks*
President of the Senate

SUBJECT: Background on Senate Bill 102
An Act relating to reports of missing persons;
and creating a missing persons information
clearinghouse.

The Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute to Senate Bill 102 has been referred to your committee for consideration. The purpose of this bill is to establish a statewide system for handling information about missing persons.

The locating of missing persons has been hampered in the state by the lack of consistent procedures for receiving, processing and sharing information about lost persons. Each law enforcement agency seems to have its own method for handling reports of missing persons, for dealing with relatives of the victim, and for coordinating search efforts with others.

Often, this lack of consistency has resulted in undue expense to the government and needless anxiety for friends and relatives. The problem is aggravated by the vastness of our state. A body washed up on the shores of the Bering Sea is not matched with a missing persons report filed in Ketchikan. Village officials continue to investigate the disappearance of a teenager long after she has been found by authorities in Fairbanks.

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By creating a central repository for collecting and handling information about missing persons, Senate Bill 102 should relieve these problems.

Senate Bill 102 proposes the following:

Section 1. Amends AS 18.65 (Police Protection) by adding AS 18.65.600 - 18.65.660.

Sec. 18.65.600. MISSING PERSONS INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE. Establishes the Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse.

Sec. 18.65.610. DUTIES OF MISSING PERSONS INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE. Requires the Clearinghouse to create a statewide system for handling information about missing persons. The Clearinghouse will collect and disseminate this information throughout Alaska. It will communicate with the National Crime Information Center about missing persons cases, and will train officials on how to best use the Clearinghouse.

Sec. 18.65.620. DUTY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. Places a duty on all law enforcement agencies to send to the Clearinghouse all reports of missing persons who have not been found within forty-eight hours.

Sec. 18.65.630. MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS OF MISSING PERSONS. Allows agencies to obtain medical and dental records that will help identify bodies. If relatives of the missing persons are available, these records cannot be obtained by a government agency unless they are requested by family members. If no relatives are available, the law enforcement agencies can obtain records on their own initiative. When the agencies obtain these records, they must forward them to the Clearinghouse. Upon the location of the missing person, the law enforcement agency and the clearinghouse shall destroy all records in their files.

Sec. 18.65.640. REPORTS UPON FINDING A MISSING PERSON. Requires a person who files a missing person report to notify the clearinghouse or law enforcement agency once the person who has been reported missing has been found.

Sec. 18.65.650. CIVIL PENALTY. Failure to notify the Clearinghouse or law enforcement agency when the missing person is found may be punishable by a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.

Section 2 REPORT AND INVESTIGATION OF DISAPPEARANCE. Amends AS 18.60.170 which deals with procedures for handling missing persons reports within the Department of Public Safety. This section adds the additional duty of filing these reports with

the Clearinghouse. If murder or foul play is suspected in a case, a report must be filed with the district attorney.

Section 3. Amends AS 47.10.141(a) to require the filing of reports of missing minors with the Clearinghouse.

A similar bill was passed by the Senate during the last session, but time ran out before it was able to get through the legislative process.

I would appreciate the committee's consideration of this bill at its earliest convenience. Should you need additional information, please let me know.

Thank you.

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FISCAL NOTE



REQUEST
 Revision Date: _____
 Title: "An Act relating to reports of missing persons."
 Sponsor: Sen. Faiks...
 Requestor: Senate State Affairs

Bill Version: SB 102
 Publish Date: _____
 Agency Affected: Public Safety
 BRU: Alaska State Troopers
 Components: Detachments & CIB

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		24.8	25.5	26.3	27.1	27.9
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3
SUPPLIES		1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
EQUIPMENT		10.3				
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	38.1	28.7	29.5	30.4	31.4
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING:: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUNDS	0	38.1	28.7	29.5	30.4	31.4
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	38.1	28.7	29.5	30.4	31.4

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME	0	1	1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Costs include one PPT Clerk IV and a micro computer to handle record keeping. Equipment costs are needed only in the first year. 3% inflation costs are anticipated in future years.

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2/24/87

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Approved by Commissioner: *[Signature]* Date: 2/24/87
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CONTINUATION OF FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Personal Services

Clerk IV, Range 9, Step A, PPT	
30 hrs X \$11.06 X 52 weeks =	17,254
Benefits	3,289
SBS	1,058
Health	<u>3,214</u>
Total Personal Services	24,815

Contractual

Line costs for computer interface	2,000
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Supplies

Office Supplies	1,000
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Equipment

Compaq Computer, Software, Printer, etc.	9,000
Desk	691
Chair	345
Computer Table	<u>300</u>
Total Equipment	<u>10,336</u>

TOTAL	<u><u>38,151</u></u>
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