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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 400 (Senator Teitelbaum. *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Task Force on Missing Children

This bill establishes a 14-member Task Force on Missing Children for the purpose of studying and recommending a computer system that (1) sends and receives highly recognizable color and black and white photographic images of missing and abducted children; (2) provides for the spontaneous, automatic reception of photographic images of missing and abducted children by all participating law enforcement agencies, and is faster than systems currently in use; (3) has demonstrably user-friendly components which law enforcement officers can quickly and easily become proficient in using; and (4) is readily compatible with existing systems. The Department of State Police will provide staff for the task force.

The task force is required to submit a report on its findings to the Governor and General Assembly on September 30, 2001.

This bill sunsets September 30, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal. Task force members would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. These expenses are assumed to be minimal and able to be handled with existing resources of the entities represented on the task force in FY 2000. Staff could be provided with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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