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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 563 (Senators Collins and Della)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Criminal Law - Sex Offender Registration - Notification**

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This bill requires local law enforcement agencies to send written notification of sex offender registration statements of child sexual offenders and sexually violent predators to community associations in the county where the offender will reside. The notification must be sent by the local law enforcement agency no later than 5 working days after receipt of the registration statement.

In addition, the bill allows a community association or its members to publish, disseminate, or circulate in any manner the information contained in a registration statement. A community association and its members, acting in good faith and within the scope of their duties, are immune from civil liability for damages arising out of any action relating to sex offender registration provisions.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. While this bill would increase the responsibilities of county police departments relating to sexual offender registrations and notifications, it is assumed that the bill's provisions can be handled with the existing resources of local law enforcement. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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