

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1080E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Leftwich

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Sex offenders in emergency shelters; notification registration; penalty.

5. Summary: Provides that registered sex offenders who enter any emergency shelter operated in response to a state or local emergency shall, as soon as practicable, notify a member of the shelter's security staff of his status as a sex offender. A violation is a Class 3 misdemeanor. Upon being notified, shelter staff may access Registry information regarding such person that is publicly available on the Internet, and use such information to ensure the safety of all persons residing in the shelter. Shelter staff may not disclose the status of a registered sex offender to any person residing in the shelter, unless they are required to by law. The bill also requires the Department of State Police to furnish a summary of these provisions to any person required to register as a sex offender.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Social Services (DSS) is responsible for operating state emergency shelters. DSS does not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of this proposed bill. There is no anticipated impact on the Department of State Police as a result of the provisions of this bill.

The proposed legislation creates a new Class 3 misdemeanor for registered sex offenders who fail to notify emergency shelter staff of their status. Anyone convicted of a Class 3 misdemeanor is subject to a fine of not more than \$500. Any potential fiscal impact on the Literary Fund, where such fines are deposited, is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Department of Social Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.