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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/5/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Criminal Justice (King) recommended the
 2 following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete everything after the enacting clause
 6 and insert:

7 Section 1. Personal tracking program grants.--

8 (1) A state grant program is established to encourage each
 9 county in this state to implement a personal tracking program
 10 that is a search-and-rescue program designed to quickly find a
 11 lost or wandering person who is mentally impaired due to
 12 Alzheimer's disease, autism, Down syndrome, or other causes.

13 (2) The Department of Law Enforcement shall administer the
 14 grant program, manage the state moneys appropriated for the

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15 purpose of starting county programs, and serve as a liaison to
16 county personal tracking programs.

17 (3) To apply for state grant moneys for implementing a
18 county personal tracking program, a county sheriff's office or
19 other lead agency must submit an application annually by October
20 1, which includes:

21 (a) An estimate of the number of people who might qualify
22 for personal tracking assistance;

23 (b) An estimate of the startup cost;

24 (c) A statement of the number of personnel available for
25 tracking lost individuals; and

26 (d) The source or sources and the amount of local funds
27 available for matching state grant moneys.

28 (4) The department shall prioritize the grant moneys in
29 accordance with the respective counties' needs for tracking
30 services, the availability of local sources to provide matching
31 funds, and the date the application was received by the
32 department. The maximum grant that a county may receive for
33 startup is \$10,000, and the amount awarded must be matched,
34 dollar for dollar, by local funds. Grants awarded to qualifying
35 counties must be prorated in accordance with the availability of
36 state funds.

37 (5) The county sheriff's office or other lead agency shall
38 use the grant money and matching funds to purchase the necessary
39 equipment and training to implement a county personal tracking
40 program. Through its community resource officer, the sheriff's
41 office or other lead agency shall solicit moneys from private
42 sources so as to ensure that within 3 years the personal



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43 tracking program is self-supporting and no longer requires state
44 funding.

45 Section 2. The sum of \$670,000 is appropriated from the
46 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Law Enforcement for
47 the 2008-2009 fiscal year for the purpose of awarding grants to
48 counties that qualify under this act to start a county personal
49 tracking program.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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52 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

53 And the title is amended as follows:

54 Delete everything before the enacting clause
55 and insert:

56 A bill to be entitled
57 An act relating to an electronic monitoring program for
58 tracking lost persons; establishing a grant program to
59 encourage counties to implement county personal tracking
60 programs; describing the components of the program;
61 designating the Department of Law Enforcement as the
62 administrative agency; providing for application for state
63 grant funds and requiring local matching funds; providing
64 a cap on the amount of a grant and for prioritizing and
65 prorating grants; requiring the county sheriff's office or
66 other lead agency to use the funds for purchasing
67 equipment and training; requiring the solicitation of
68 private moneys and the achievement of financial
69 independence for the program within a specified time;
70 providing an effective date.

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72 WHEREAS, more than 5 million United States residents have
73 Alzheimer's disease and more than 50 percent of those
74 individuals wander and become lost, and

75 WHEREAS, autism is the fastest-growing serious
76 developmental disability in the United States and many autistic
77 individuals wander and are attracted to water, causing drowning
78 to be the leading cause of death for children who have autism,
79 and

80 WHEREAS, agencies that sponsor local personal tracking
81 programs have stated that the programs materially reduce the
82 time required to find lost persons, often to less than ½ hour
83 after the person is reported missing, within which period there
84 is a 100 percent recovery rate, and

85 WHEREAS, 16 Florida counties and 5 police departments have
86 implemented personal tracking programs, NOW, THEREFORE,