

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB1407
Version:	CS
Request Number:	10961
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Impact:	DPS: \$300,000

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 1407 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to create and administer Oklahoma child abduction response teams (OCARTS) to mitigate child endangerment. The commissioner is to create a network of OCARTS in cooperation with federal, state, tribal, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies, and the appropriate social services agencies and enter into agreements with those entities. The commissioner is authorized to employ an OCART coordinator to assist in administering OCARTS. Each OCART committee is to develop a plan for mounting a coordinated response to a verified child abduction. The plan must include an outline of the procedure for verification of a child abduction, a notification of a child abduction, outreach to local law enforcement agencies, and member agency responsibilities in the event of a verified child abduction. Law enforcement agencies are hereby authorized to utilize the automated license plate readers in carrying out a coordinated response to a verified child abduction.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to the measure directs the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to create and administer Oklahoma Child Abduction Response Teams (OCARTs). Officials with DPS have provided the following details regarding funding needs for the program:

OCART Coordinator position salary and benefits: \$148,723
OCART Administrative Assistant salary and benefits: \$71,956
OCART training and operational costs: \$79,321

Therefore, in its current form, the CS to SB1407 removes the appropriation from the language but the funding need of \$300,000 for DPS to administer the provisions of the bill still remains.

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Other Considerations

None.