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AN ACT CREATING YELLOW ENVELOPES TO PROMOTE ACCOMMODATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FIRST RESPONDERS AND PERSONS WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENTS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AND INCREASING AWARENESS OF BLUE AND YELLOW ENVELOPES AMONG FIRST RESPONDERS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost	Approximately \$2,000	Minimal

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), in consultation with other organizations described in the bill, to design yellow envelopes that can hold a driver's license, registration, and insurance card, and that include guidance on effective interactions between emergency personnel and a person with cognitive impairments or physical disabilities.

Beginning January 1, 2026, DMV must provide these envelopes to the locations and organizations outlined in the bill which, based on DMV's prior experience with the blue envelope program, is anticipated to cost approximately \$2,000 for production and distribution. Ongoing costs for additional envelopes, as needed, are expected to be minimal.

The Out Years

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The annualized ongoing fiscal impact is expected to be minimal and dependent on the number of envelopes produced.