



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-146: FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill aligns state law with federal requirements for fingerprint-based criminal history record checks.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2024-25:

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill aligns state law with federal requirements regarding fingerprint-based criminal history record checks. Under the bill, any fingerprint-based criminal history background checks required by state or local governments for occupational licensure must ensure that:

- copies are provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);
- results are provided to regulating entities;
- relevant disclosure requirements regarding results are met; and
- a name-based judicial record check occurs when a fingerprint-based check shows a record of an arrest without a disposition.

Assumptions

The fiscal note assumes that the changes in the bill align the process for conducting a fingerprint-based criminal history record check across regulating entities, and with federal requirements. The bill is assumed to codify current practices into law.

State Expenditures

The CDPS will update policies and procedures to implement the bill, increasing workload for the department. The increase is expected to be minimal, and no change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Local governments that require fingerprint-based criminal history background checks will update policies and procedures to comply with the bill's requirements. It is assumed that this will increase local government workload by a minimal amount.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

Public Safety

Law

Regulatory Agencies

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).