



Fiscal Note

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SB 25-205: FIREARM SERIAL NUMBER CHECK REQ PROCEDURE

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill allows federal firearm licensees to request a serial number check from a sheriff’s office, a police department, or perform the check independently.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- 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 allows federal firearms licensees (FFL) to request a serial number check from either their county sheriff's office or police department, depending on where the FFL is located, prior to purchasing a firearm from an individual. Local law enforcement agencies are required to establish a system for these checks by July 1, 2026, respond with results within 72 hours of a request, and may charge a fee to cover their costs.

The bill also allows an FFL to perform a firearm serial number search independently if the federal government allows an FFL access to the federal government's firearm tracing program. The FFL is still subject to the reporting requirements if they perform the firearm serial number search independently.

If an FFL reasonably believes, knows, should know, or becomes aware that a person sold or attempted to sell a firearm is stolen, lost, or involved in an open criminal investigation, the dealer must report the information to law enforcement. Failure to do so within 48 hours may result in administrative penalties by the Department of Revenue.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2026-27, to the extent the bill leads to additional administrative investigations and sanctions, the bill will increase workload to the Firearms Dealer Division in the Department of Revenue. The fiscal note assumes high compliance, and that any impact will be minimal.

Local Government

Starting in FY 2026-27, the bill increases revenue and expenditures in local law enforcement agencies to charge for and to provide serial number checks. The exact increase will depend on the number of FFLs within jurisdictions and the number of checks requested by FFLs. Staff costs to provide this service is estimated to range from \$81,000 to \$166,050 per FTE per year.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys	Public Safety
Judicial	Revenue
Municipalities	Sheriffs

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](#).