FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECK FEE



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SENATE BILL 928 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Sponsor: Sen. Philip E. Hoffman **House Committee:** Appropriations

COMMITTEE ANALYSIS - 5/20/02

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SUMMARY

Senate Bill 928 would amend Public Act 120 of 1935 to increase the fee for a state-level fingerprint-based criminal history record check from \$15 to \$30. Using current statute as the baseline, the bill would result in an estimated \$750,000 in increased annual revenue for the Department of State Police.

The bill also specifies that the \$30 fee not be collected if a fee for taking and processing fingerprints is provided for under any other law. The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 425, which raises licensing fees for security guard companies and alarm system contractors, among other changes.

BACKGROUND

This fee was increased to \$30 in Executive Order (EO) 2001-9, effective for FY 2001-02 only. In conjunction with increasing the fee for a name-based criminal history record check (which is not specified in state statute) from \$5 to \$10, this increase was intended to generate sufficient restricted revenue to offset a \$2.8 million GF/GP reduction to the FY 2001-02 State Police budget included in the EO.

The Executive Recommendation for the FY 2002-03 State Police budget also assumes \$2.8 million in additional restricted revenue to offset the GF/GP reduction.