

BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FLIGHT SCHOOL APPLICANTS



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SENATE BILL 1006 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Sponsor: Sen. George Hart

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COMMITTEE ANALYSIS - 2/20/02

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SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1006 would amend the Aeronautics Code to require that both state-level and federal-level criminal background checks be conducted for flight school applicants in the state. The Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics estimates that 2,600 individuals apply to flight schools in the state annually. While the bill does not specifically authorize the Department of State Police to charge a fee for the required background checks, the department routinely charges a fee of \$39 (\$15 for the state-level check and \$24 for the federal-level check). Annual fee revenue and associated expenditures by the department would therefore increase by an estimated \$101,400 under the bill. (Note: Executive Order 2001-9 raised the state-level portion of the fee from \$15 to \$30, effective for FY 2001-02 only. If this higher fee level were assumed, the revenue/expenditure estimate increases to \$140,400).