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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Criminal background checks in the gaming industry	

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Provides relative to criminal background checks in the gaming industry. (8/1/26)

Proposed law provides relative to criminal history record information for purposes of regulating the gaming industry. Proposed law authorizes designated gaming regulatory entities to obtain state and national criminal history record information, including fingerprint-based background checks, for applicants and other persons subject to licensure or regulatory approval. Present law provides for certain background check requirements; proposed law expands the scope of accessible records and the methods by which such records are obtained. Proposed law further provides for the submission of fingerprints and the use of federal criminal history databases in the licensing and oversight process. Proposed law provides that the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC), the Office of Charitable Gaming (OCG), and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board are authorized to obtain criminal history record information for persons involved in activities regulated by these entities. Proposed law provides for an effective date of August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Annual Total

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGR expenditures for the LSRC, the OCG, and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to obtain state and national criminal history record information, including fingerprint-based background checks, for persons subject to licensure or regulatory oversight from the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information within State Police (LSP) administers the Louisiana Applicant Processing System (LAPS), a statewide network of fingerprint sites where applicants may submit digital fingerprints within their local communities. Fingerprint-based background checks may be performed by LSP, local sheriff offices, or Identogo, a third-party service vendor. The fee for such checks ranges from approximately \$43 to \$54.50 per applicant, depending on the entity performing the background check.

Proposed law retains existing licensing requirements but modifies procedures for determining eligibility by incorporating additional verification mechanisms. Implementation will require coordination with state and federal agencies and may increase the volume of background check requests processed.

Existing procedures and processes are already in place to perform the functions required by proposed law, including the collection and processing of criminal history record information and fingerprint-based background checks, and such activities can be carried out using existing resources, as indicated by the LSP and the Louisiana Lottery Corporation.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGR in the LSP as a result of increased criminal background checks conducted on persons subject to licensure and regulatory oversight. The LSP charges \$26 for state background checks and \$12 for federal background checks. Of the \$12 federal fee, LSP retains \$2 and remits the remaining \$10 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The anticipated increase in criminal background check requests will result in additional fee collections for the State Police.

Criminal background check fees are assessed under existing law as follows: \$26 for the state background check (State Police), \$5 for the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association technology fee, \$10 for the federal background check (FBI), and \$2 retained by State Police for federal processing, for a total of \$43. When processed through Identogo, an additional vendor fee of \$11.50 is charged, for a total of \$54.50.

Proposed law expands access to criminal history record information, including fingerprint-based background checks, for gaming license applicants and other persons subject to regulatory oversight. Any fees collected for fingerprint processing or criminal history record requests will continue under existing fee structures. Proposed law does not create new taxes or fees, nor does it alter existing licensing fee schedules beyond procedural requirements for background checks. Any increase in revenue is attributable solely to higher volumes of background checks conducted.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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