

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 174** HLS 22RS 573

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Criminal History Records Check-License to Handle Explosives	

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Provides relative to criminal history records checks for licenses to handle explosives

Under present law, every applicant for a license to handle explosives must have a criminal history records check. The criminal history records check is defined as a computer check of available online state records, as well as national records which may include fingerprints of the applicant. Proposed law requires criminal history records check of every applicant either verifying initial qualifications or renewing qualifications for a license to handle explosives. Also, proposed law requires a current or prospective manufacturer, dealer-distributor, user, blaster, or handler to submit a criminal history records check. Proposed law defines a criminal history records check as all state records of arrest, prosecution, or conviction and all expunged or dismissed convictions under present law, as well as national records including fingerprints and other identifying information of the applicant.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase expenditures within the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police (OSP) from the statutorily dedicated Criminal Identification and Information Fund by indeterminable, though likely marginal amounts. The proposed law requires all initial applicants and renewal applicants for a license to handle explosives must have a criminal history records check that includes fingerprints. Also, the proposed law requires manufacturers, dealer-distributors, users, blasters, or handlers of explosives to have a background check including fingerprints. Criminal history records checks and fingerprinting are done by the LA Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information in State Police.

Expenditures associated with the proposed law will be offset fully or partially by fees remitted by applicants to State Police for performing services required by the proposed law. The fee is deposited into the Criminal Identification and Information Fund, which is utilized by the LA Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information to process state and federal background checks including processing fingerprints. The average cost per background check is approximately \$26.70. The average background check is based on a three-year average from FY 19 - FY 21 of actual fund expenditures totaling approximately \$7.59 M annually and an average of 284,613 background checks performed annually.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase revenues in the statutorily dedicated Criminal Identification and Information Fund by an indeterminable amount in FY 23 and subsequent fiscal years. The LA Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information within State Police would perform the background checks for a fee of \$39.25 for state and federal background checks that include fingerprinting (\$26 state background check, \$2 from federal background check, and the remaining \$11.25 to the federal government).

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

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 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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