FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECK FEE



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SENATE BILL 928 (H-3)

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

REVISED FLOOR ANALYSIS - 5/29/02

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SUMMARY

Senate Bill 928 (H-3) 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 until October 1, 2004—at which time the fee would revert to \$15. 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 during the period in which the increased fee were effective (essentially, the effective date of the legislation through the end of fiscal year 2003-04).

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. Finally, the bill provides for a report, by October 1, 2003, from the department to the legislature stating whether the fee increase is sufficient to support the actual costs of fingerprinting.

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.