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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0480	Amended by the Senate on April 10, 2019
Author:	Alexander	
Subject:	Fingerprint Background Checks	
Requestor:	House Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	August 12, 2019	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will result in no expenditure impact on the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) as the agency already collects and processes fingerprint background checks and can manage the duties required under this bill within the normal scope of agency operations.

SLED reports that during FY 2018-19 the division generated \$1,230,638 in state fingerprint background check fees and received \$120,606 for processing Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background checks for applicants. The agency, which also charges background check fees for regulatory applicants, generated an additional \$72,078 in fees for these applicants in FY 2018-19.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by the Senate on April 10, 2019

State Expenditure

This amended bill enables agencies in South Carolina that are authorized to conduct state fingerprint-based background checks conducted by SLED to also conduct nationwide federal fingerprint-based background checks conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in a manner prescribed by SLED. SLED may submit information collected by authorized agencies to the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) program. SLED and the FBI may retain collected fingerprints. Retained fingerprints may be searched by future submissions to SLED and the NGI system, including latent fingerprint searches, and appropriate responses sent to SLED and authorized recipients. The bill also enables SLED to charge a reasonable fee for the collection and retention of fingerprints. This bill will result in no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Law Enforcement Division. This bill will have no expenditure impact on SLED as the agency already collects and processes fingerprint background checks and can manage the duties required under this bill within the normal course of agency business.

State Revenue

SLED reports that in FY 2018-19, it processed 60,295 applications for various job applicants (including but not limited to teachers, nurses, bar applicants, daycare workers, and other professions). Each applicant's fingerprints were processed on both a state and a federal level. During the same fiscal year, the division generated \$1,230,638 in state fingerprint background check fees and received \$120,606 for processing FBI background checks for applicants. The

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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on February 5, 2019

State Expenditure

This bill enables agencies authorized to conduct fingerprint background checks in South Carolina to also conduct federal fingerprint reviews. SLED may submit information collected by authorized agencies to the Next Generation Identification program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This information includes stored fingerprints, as well as information related to arrests, convictions, dispositions, and warrants for determinations including but not limited to employment, licensing, suitability, certification, and permitting. SLED and the FBI may retain collected fingerprints and search those records at a later date pursuant to an appropriate inquiry. The bill also enables SLED to charge a reasonable fee for the collection and retention of fingerprints. This bill will result in no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

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