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Bill Number: S. 0456 Amended by the Senate on March 17, 2021
Author: Alexander
Subject: State Fingerprint-Based Background Check
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
Impact Date: September 20, 2021

Fiscal Impact Summary

The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) reports the bill requires the agency to perform activities that are conducted in the normal course of agency business. Therefore, the bill does not have an expenditure impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by the Senate on March 17, 2021

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.

State Law Enforcement Division. The agency reports that this bill authorizes them to incorporate NGI in a future upgrade to their computerized criminal history system. The bill requires the agency to perform activities that are conducted in the normal course of agency business. Therefore, the bill does not have an expenditure impact.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on January 13, 2021

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State Law Enforcement Division. The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the State Law Enforcement Division.

State Revenue

The revenue impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the State Law Enforcement Division.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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