



Fiscal Note  
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SB 25-146: FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS

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<b>Bill Outcome:</b> Signed into Law <b>Drafting number:</b> LLS 25-0266	<b>Version:</b> Final Fiscal Note <b>Date:</b> July 10, 2025

**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill aligns state law with federal requirements for fingerprint-based criminal history record checks.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2024-25:

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## Summary of Legislation

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The bill aligns state law with federal requirements regarding fingerprint-based criminal history record checks. Under the bill, any fingerprint-based criminal history background checks required by state or local governments for occupational licensure must ensure that:

- copies are provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);
- results are provided to regulating entities;
- relevant disclosure requirements regarding results are met; and
- a name-based judicial record check occurs when a fingerprint-based check shows a record of an arrest without a disposition.

## Assumptions

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The fiscal note assumes that the changes in the bill align the process for conducting a fingerprint-based criminal history record check across regulating entities, and with federal requirements. The bill is assumed to codify current practices into law.

## State Expenditures

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The CDPS will update policies and procedures to implement the bill, increasing workload for the department. The increase is expected to be minimal, and no change in appropriations is required.

## Local Government

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Local governments that require fingerprint-based criminal history background checks will update policies and procedures to comply with the bill's requirements. It is assumed that this will increase local government workload by a minimal amount.

## Effective Date

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This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 2, 2025.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Judicial

Public Safety

Law

Regulatory Agencies

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).