

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB634

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Saslaw

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Applicant Fingerprint Database; created for State Police to use in criminal background checks.

5. Summary/Purpose: Requires the State Police to develop a fingerprint database for use in criminal background checks.

6. No Fiscal Impact: FINAL; See Item 8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Department of State Police, this proposal will have an initial fiscal impact due to developing the new database. The agency states that this initial cost can be absorbed with current funding. Also, the proposal permits the agency to collect a ten dollar fee for each individual entered into the database to offset the costs of enhancing and administering the database.

The proposal prohibits unauthorized use of the information collected and establishes a Class 1 misdemeanor for violations. Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. Therefore, this proposal could result in an increase in the number of persons sentenced to jail.

There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board, the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$29.80 per inmate, per day in FY 2002.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of State Police.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety