

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1029

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Price

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Disclosure of information regarding law-enforcement officers

5. Summary:

Current law authorizes any sheriff, police chief, director of any agency employing deputy sheriffs or jail officers, and the Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services to disclose information about a former deputy sheriff's or law-enforcement officer's job performance to a prospective law-enforcement or jail employer.

The proposed legislation requires those officials to disclose the following information, concerning a former law-enforcement officer, deputy sheriff, or jailer, to a prospective employer:

- Any information related to an arrest or prosecution;
- Any information related to a civil suit regarding the employee's employment or performance of duties; or
- Any information obtained during an internal investigation related to the former employee's alleged criminal conduct, used of excessive force, or other official misconduct.

Such disclosure would be required only if the prospective employee provided a written authorization and waiver regarding the disclosure, if the disclosure is not governed by a binding nondisclosure agreement, or is otherwise not prohibited by law.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications:

It is not expected that the proposed legislation would have any fiscal impact on state agencies.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Criminal Justice Services
Department of State Police
Other state agencies employing law-enforcement officers
Private police departments
Sheriffs
County, city, and town police chiefs
Regional jail authorities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.