

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB204

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

2. Patron: Wachsmann

3. Committee: House Committee on Public Safety

4. Title: Sale and transfer of firearms

5. Summary: The proposed bill decreases from five business days to three business days the time provided for the Department of State Police to complete a background check before a firearm may be transferred. If a dealer who has otherwise fulfilled all requirements is told by the State Police that a response will not be available by the end of the dealer's third business day, the dealer may complete the sale or transfer without being deemed in violation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia State Police (VSP), firearm purchase background checks are conducted through the Department's VCheck system. Under the current system, when a firearm purchase is delayed, the Firearm Transaction Center (FTC) staff have 5 business days to research and resolve the transaction prior to the dealer being eligible to release the firearm without FTC approval. In order to meet the 3 day requirement specified in the bill, VSP reports that modifications will have to be made to the VCheck system to identify and record the new firearm transfer date. The estimated one-time cost to make the necessary system modification is \$12,720. It is believed the agency could absorb this one-time cost.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia State Police

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None