

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2214

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

2. Patron: Rush

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Restoration of firearms rights; report to State Police.

5. Summary: The legislative proposal provides a mechanism for reporting to the Department of State Police when a circuit court restores a felon's right to possess, transport, and carry a firearm. Prior to entry of a restoration order, the petitioner's fingerprints and petition are sent to the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) and the petitioner's criminal history is forwarded to the court and may be inspected by the attorney for the Commonwealth. If the order is granted, the Department of State Police shall enter the person's name and description in the CCRE so that law-enforcement personnel accessing the computerized criminal history records will be aware of the order's existence.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 413.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Items 7a and 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	0	0	General Fund (GF)
2016	\$495,000	0	GF
2017	0	0	GF
2018	0	0	GF
2018	0	0	GF
2020	0	0	GF
2021	0	0	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would require the Department of State Police (Department) to modify the Central Criminal History (CCH) application system which is currently in a development phase and is projected to be implemented in April 2016. No changes will be made to the current legacy CCH system by the Department which will be defunct with the implementation of the new CCH in 2016.

According to the Department, the provisions of this bill create a fiscal impact because there will be a cost to modify CCH application and to accommodate the provisions of the proposal. This proposal will require changes to a significant number of programs in the new CCH system which

has already been developed. For instance, reprogramming would be needed to the criminal record sheets, which have already been developed and currently being used by the Department's Central Criminal Records Exchange staff, as well as the CCH database would need to be modified with an addition of new fields and business rules. Therefore, the Department estimates the implementation of this legislation will not be possible until July 1, 2017 at the earliest, as the new CCH system is scheduled for production in 2016, and it would require approximately 9 to 12 months to modify the replacement system after the new CCH has been put into production.

The one-time cost associated with the modification of the CCH is \$495,000 and no ongoing annual maintenance cost is anticipated.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Commonwealth's Attorneys, Virginia courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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