Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number	r: SB1017
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	Second House	☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled
2.	Patron:	Dance
3.	Committee:	General Laws and Technology
4.	Title:	Employment applications; inquiries regarding criminal arrests, charges, or convictions.

- 5. Summary: Prohibits state agencies from including on any employment application a question inquiring whether the prospective employee has ever been arrested or charged with, or convicted of, any crime, subject to certain exceptions. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been convicted of any crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if the prospective employee has a conviction record that bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. A prospective employee may not be asked if he has ever been arrested or charged with a crime unless the inquiry takes place after the prospective employee has received a conditional offer of employment, which offer may be withdrawn if (i) the prospective employee's criminal arrest or charge resulted in the prospective employee's conviction of a crime and (ii) the crime of which he was convicted bears a rational relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position. The prohibition does not apply to applications for employment with law-enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services agencies. The bill also authorizes localities to prohibit such inquiries.
- **6. Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.
- 7. No Fiscal Impact
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Attorney General, this legislation is not expected to result in a state fiscal impact.
- **9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Human Resource Management and Office of the Attorney General.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
- 11. Other Comments: None.
- c: Secretary of Administration