

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB608

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Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Reeves

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: Confiscation, reporting, and return of firearms by law enforcement.

5. Summary: The proposal replaces current requirements that law-enforcement agencies report information regarding confiscated firearms to the Department of State Police with a requirement that information be reported to a firearms tracing system maintained by the U.S. Department of Justice. Additionally, the bill requires law-enforcement agencies to return stolen firearms to the rightful owner unless the person is prohibited from possessing the firearm or it is needed in a criminal prosecution.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of State Police, the services of the firearms electronic tracing system (E-TRACE), maintained by the U.S. Department of Justice, is provided free of charge to participating law enforcement agencies. In order to use the system, a law enforcement agency must sign a memorandum of understanding with the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) National Tracing Center.

According to the State Police, returning stolen firearms is a standard operating practice and any anticipated cost is minimal.

The proposal has no material fiscal impact on Department of State Police. The fiscal impact on local law enforcement agencies is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, and local law enforcement.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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