

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council  
01/24/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2253

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>			\$13,000		\$13,000	
<b>Expenditures</b>			\$19,838		\$19,838	
<b>Appropriations</b>						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill requires a state and federal records check. State statute assesses a \$20 fee for a state record check. The state receives no remuneration for processing federal records checks, but the estimated cost in staff time and operating expenses for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to process records checks is approximately \$18.34 for state only, and \$30.52 for state and federal (the average for all records checks is estimated at \$20.12). The \$20 fee charged by the state goes to the General Fund, so any increases in workload caused by the requirement to conduct criminal record checks for specified groups or organizations are not necessarily covered by the Attorney General’s appropriation for BCI staff. This bill, taken by itself, does not require an additional FTE, but this and other similar bills, taken as a whole, would require an additional FTE if enacted. Please refer to Senate Bill No. 2223 and House Bill No. 1252, which allow for criminal records checks on city and county employees, and by the Information Technology Department respectively.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The Board of Medical Examiners estimates that it will request criminal record checks on 325 applicants for licensure or licensees annually, or 650 in the 2003-2005 biennium. Revenues, at the \$20 fee, would be \$13,000 in 2003-2005, which would be deposited in the General Fund.

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

It is estimated that, given personnel and operating costs for BCI personnel directly involved in conducting criminal records checks, the current cost of processing a state and federal record check is approximately \$30.52. There are five FTE positions directly involved in this activity. The cost of processing the 650 criminal records checks anticipated by this bill, based on the

estimate per record check, is \$19,838.

**C. Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

No additional appropriation has been made to cover the costs anticipated by this bill.

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