

Public Safety and Security Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-162

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

Title: THAT PROCESS CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS.

Vote Date: 3/8/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/3/2022

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This will allow a company that is contracted with the State of Connecticut for fingerprinting services to increase the convenience fee to up to \$30.00. The increase in the fee will help with maintaining the fingerprinting equipment and make the process more efficient.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Office of the Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection State of Connecticut

This proposal was put forth by the Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The bill will not eliminate the ability of the State Police to electronically submit fingerprints but will enable more fingerprints to be submitted electronically, which will improve turnaround time.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Bettinelli, Nicole, Community Advocate Social Worker, Greater Hartford Legal Aid

Since, June 2021, 185 people have contacted the office who are interested in seeking a pardon. Some did not qualify for the help, however 90% were people that the Greater Hartford Legal Aid took on as clients. Many are working multiple jobs to make ends meet and allowing an increase in the inconvenience fee will make it more difficult for many of these clients.

David Godbout

For the last three years the General Assembly has taken away my Fourth Amendment rights as a member of the public.

Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Asst. Clerk

Date: March 15, 2022