

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB965

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

2. Patron: Petersen

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act; passive collection and use of data.

5. Summary: The legislative proposal limits the ability of law-enforcement and regulatory agencies to use technology to collect and maintain personal information on individuals and organizations where a warrant has not been issued and there is no reasonable suspicion of criminal activity by the individual or organization.

Unless a criminal or administrative warrant has been issued, the bill prohibits law-enforcement and regulatory agencies to use any technology to collect or maintain personal information in a passive manner where such data is of unknown relevance and is not intended for prompt evaluation and potential use respecting suspected criminal activity or terrorism by any individual or organization.

The bill authorizes law-enforcement agencies to collect information from license plate readers, provided such information (i) is held for no more than seven days and (ii) is not subject to any outside inquiries or internal usage, except in the investigation of a crime or missing persons report. After seven days such collected information must be purged from the system.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Tentative. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of State Police, the proposal has no fiscal impact on the Department.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, local sheriffs and police departments.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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