

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

123rd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL: **H.B. 322**

DATE: **June 22, 1999**

STATUS: **As Introduced**

SPONSOR: **Rep. Buehrer**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — No local cost**

CONTENTS: **Permits sheriff or jail administrators, detention home administrators, and administrators of facilities for delinquent children to inspect sealed conviction and bail forfeiture records as part of pre-employment background investigations**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Provisions of the Bill

The bill expands the list of persons who may inspect sealed conviction and bail forfeiture records to permit the following to inspect sealed records as part of pre-employment background investigations to include:

- *A sheriff, jail administrator, or authorized jail employee, as part of a background investigation for a person who applies for employment as a person who works in a jail;*
- *The administrator or authorized employee of a detention home or center for delinquent children operating under the auspices of a juvenile court, as part of a background investigation for a person to work in such a facility;*
- *The administrator or authorized employee of a school, camp, institution, or another facility operating for the care of delinquent children by a county, private entity, or district, as part of a background investigation for a person to work in such a facility.*

State Fiscal Effects



Under current law, the above-noted persons are already permitted to request criminal background checks be performed by the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) in relation to the gathering of pre-employment information. The bill expands the kinds of information that these persons can procure as part of a pre-employment background investigation to include certain sealed records that are in the possession of BCII. A representative for the Attorney General's Office indicated that the provision of additional information in their possession, in this case, sealed conviction and bail forfeiture records, would have no appreciable fiscal impact on BCII.

Local Fiscal Effects

Permitting certain local persons to gain access to sealed conviction and bail forfeiture records will not create any additional fiscal burdens for local governments. It simply means that these local persons will have access to certain information in BCII's possession that they are currently prohibited from viewing.

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