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To: Public Safety Subcommittee

From: John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: April 4, 2023

Subject: HB 2005 – Relating to firearms
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2005 creates crimes relating to undetectable firearms, firearms that do not have a serial number, or unfinished frames or receivers. In each case, the crime-seriousness is elevated if a person has prior convictions for any of these crimes. The measure also increases the age limit for possession of certain types of firearms from 18 to 21 and authorizes governing bodies of certain public entities to adopt policies, ordinance or regulation restricting possession of firearms in their public buildings or adjacent grounds. The measure is effective on passage.

Among the measure's provisions, it adds the purchase of unfinished frames or receivers under statutes that require gun dealers to request background checks from the Department of State Police (OSP). This change is anticipated to increase the workload of the Departments' Firearms Instant Check System (FICS) unit. The estimated fiscal impact to OSP is \$356,816 General Fund and two permanent positions (2.00 FTE).

The -A4 amendment makes a technical change to possession of unserialized firearms so that the enforcement of that prohibition can be delayed until September 1, 2024, which will align it with the dates of other sections of the measure. There is no change to the fiscal impact as a result of the -A4 amendment.

The -A5 amendment includes the General Fund appropriation for the Department based on the anticipated additional workload within the FICS unit.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A4 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A4 amendment to HB 2005. (VOTE)

LFO recommends adoption of the –A5 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A5 amendment to HB 2005. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2005, as amended by the –A4 and –A5 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2005, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____