

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of State Police Firearm Background Checks

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

On May 23rd, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Police to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of up to \$400,000 for funding to improve accuracy, utility, and accessibility of records for fingerprint criminal history background checks.

This grant opportunity provides funding to organizations to improve records that are used by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. The Department has successfully applied for this grant in seven of the last eleven years. If awarded the Department would utilize these funds to purchase fifteen Livescan devices and scanners for various law enforcement agencies around the state to capture fingerprints electronically for improved records collection. This is a competitive grant and does not have a state match requirement.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.