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SB243 creates a dangerous problem. OSP is already not keeping up with background checks. Some taking hours or days and even longer. I have an FFL and have a customer that has been pending since January...of 2023. I spoke to an FBI NICS employee who has been there since the beginning. He told me the stipulation to release the firearm after three days was put in place at the FBI's request. He said about 10% of transactions don't receive a response since they aren't able to find enough information from incomplete criminal history reports or persons with similar names. If 10% of transactions didn't go through denying lawful purchasers their ability to exercise their rights, it would create a crisis that could end the background check system entirely.

Denying indefinitely the right to purchase a firearm until the government feels like properly staffing the background check unit could also have far reaching effects. The so called Charleston Loophole isn't an error, it's an intentional feature.