DIGEST

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HB 139 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for a processing fee of \$5 for background checks by any local law enforcement agency, public higher education institution, or sheriff.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes any local law enforcement agency, La. public higher education institution which employs full-time police officers commissioned by the La. State Police, or sheriff to conduct any screening function conducted by the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, except screening functions conducted for entities regulated by any office of DPS&C, and provides for a reasonable processing fee of not more than \$15 per inquiry for information provided.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that when a sheriff conducts the screening, \$5 of the processing fee shall be remitted to the La. Sheriffs' Association for the operation of the La. Civil and Criminal Information Network (LACCIE).

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the <u>present law</u> processing fee <u>from</u> \$15 <u>to</u> \$5 per background check. Further requires a technology fee of \$5 to be assessed for each civil background check conducted, to be distributed to the La. Sheriffs' Association for the enhancement of criminal history data collection.

Effective upon completion or substantial completion of a statewide civil scan applicant processing solution or March 31, 2020, whichever is earlier.

(Amends R.S. 15:587(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of Criminal</u> Justice to the original bill:

1. Provide that the Act becomes effective upon completion or substantial completion of a statewide civil scan applicant processing solution or March 31, 2020, whichever is earlier.