



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Bill Number:** H. 5120 Introduced on February 5, 2026  
**Subject:** Fingerprinting, Offenses by Minors  
**Requestor:** House Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Gardner  
**Impact Date:** February 24, 2026

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**Fiscal Impact Summary**

The bill requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to fingerprint and photograph a child upon his admission to a DJJ facility and limits the circumstances under which DJJ and the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) may transmit these records to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or another agency or person.

SLED and DJJ report that the bill requires the agencies to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. As a result, this bill will have no expenditure impact on SLED or DJJ.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on February 5, 2026**

**State Expenditure**

This bill relates to the confidentiality of juvenile records and clarifies language as to when DJJ and law enforcement must provide juvenile records or incident reports to a school principal. The bill also amends language related to the fingerprinting or photographing of a juvenile offender. Currently, DJJ may opt to fingerprint and photograph a child upon his filing of a petition, release from detention, release on house arrest, or commitment to a DJJ facility. However, the bill requires DJJ to fingerprint and photograph a juvenile upon his admission to any DJJ facility and to provide those records to SLED, which must keep the records separate from those of adults. DJJ and SLED may only transmit a juvenile’s fingerprint and photographic records to the FBI or another agency or person under certain circumstances.

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**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure and Local Revenue**

N/A

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