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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0126	Introduced on January 14, 2025
Subject:	Law Enforcement and Judicial Personal Privacy Protection	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Welsh	
Impact Date:	March 4, 2025 - Updated for Additional Agency Response	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill amends provisions of the Law Enforcement Personal Information Privacy Protection Act and the Judicial Personal Information Privacy Protection Act. This bill clarifies the procedures for eligible individuals to notify individual state and local government agencies of the individual's choice to restrict his personal information, clarifies responsibilities of affected agencies, and enumerates exceptions to an agency's duty to restrict qualifying personal information. This bill also requires Court Administration and the Criminal Justice Academy to collaborate to create the request form for law enforcement officers and judges. Further, this bill delays the effective date of Act 56 of 2023, which enacts the Law Enforcement Personal Information Protection Act and the Judicial Personal Privacy Protection Act, from July 1, 2025, to January 1, 2026.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Criminal Justice Academy and Judicial as each anticipates being able to manage its provisions with existing appropriations. The Criminal Justice Academy reports it has already built a form meeting the bill's requirements.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted all counties to determine the local expenditure impact of this bill. Responses received from Aiken, Chesterfield, Dorchester, and Florence all indicated this bill will not result in a cost for complying with the amended provisions of the Law Enforcement Personal Information Privacy Protection Act and the Judicial Personal Information Privacy Protection Act. However, it is noted the counties are still working on implementation of Act 56 of 2023. Aiken and Dorchester reported they anticipate substantial costs or changes to existing processes may be necessary to accomplish the privacy protections required by the Act but have no expectation of additional expenses from this bill. Based on these responses, we anticipate this bill will have no local expenditure impact.

This fiscal impact has been updated to include the local expenditure impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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