



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 397**

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Senate Bill No. 1096

*Senate, April 1, 2009*

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING FINGERPRINTING METHODS USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Motor  
2 Vehicles shall take immediate steps to provide electronic  
3 fingerprinting services to any applicant for a license or endorsement  
4 pursuant to section 14-44 of the general statutes who is required to  
5 submit fingerprints in order to receive such license or endorsement.  
6 After the department has taken such fingerprints and submitted them,  
7 electronically, to the appropriate law enforcement agency, the  
8 department shall proceed with any other license or endorsement  
9 requirements while awaiting the results of such fingerprinting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**TRA**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost	100,000	100,000
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits) <sup>1</sup>	TF - Cost	25,340	25,340

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will require 2 additional License Motor Vehicle Inspectors at \$50,000 each plus fringes in order to process and test all applicants for school bus driver endorsement before the agency receives applicants' fingerprint results.

Currently, the DMV does not offer testing until it has received the applicant's finger-printing results. It should be noted that over 50% of applicants fail the finger-print results and thus would never be approved to drive a bus.

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**State Impact:**

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<sup>1</sup> The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller on an actual cost basis. The following is provided for estimated costs associated with additional personnel. The estimated non-pension fringe benefit rate as a percentage of payroll is 25.43%. Fringe benefit costs for new positions do not initially include pension costs as the state's pension contribution is based upon the 6/30/08 actuarial valuation for the State Employees Retirement System (SERS) which certifies the contribution for FY 10 and FY 11. Therefore, new positions will not impact the state's pension contribution until FY 12 after the next scheduled certification on 6/30/2010.

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<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>	<b>FY 13 \$</b>	<b>FY 14 \$</b>
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost*	103,000	106,090	109,273
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits)	TF - Cost*	26,100	26,883	27,689

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

\*These figures have been adjusted for inflation at a rate of 3%

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 1096*****AN ACT CONCERNING FINGERPRINTING METHODS USED BY  
THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to take immediate steps to provide electronic fingerprinting services to a person applying for a driver's license or endorsement required to drive vehicles transporting passengers, if the submission of fingerprints is a prerequisite to determine any criminal history. After DMV has taken fingerprints and submitted them to the appropriate law enforcement agency, the bill requires DMV to proceed with all other license and endorsement requirements while awaiting the fingerprinting results.

DMV's current practice is to proceed with the testing and other required procedures for issuing a public service license or endorsement only after the applicant has cleared the criminal history check.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Fingerprints and Criminal History Checks***

By law (CGS § 14-44), anyone operating a (1) commercial motor vehicle used for passenger transportation; (2) school bus, student transportation vehicle, or activity vehicle; (3) taxicab, motor vehicle in livery service, motor bus, or service bus must have a license issued by DMV with an endorsement appropriate for the type of vehicle being driven. A criminal history record check is one of the requirements for such drivers and an applicant must provide fingerprints to DMV for the record check.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 33    Nay 2    (03/13/2009)