OLR Bill Analysis
SB 119

AN ACT EXEMPTING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES AND COMPANIES FROM THE FEE FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.

SUMMARY

This bill exempts volunteer fire companies or departments, as well as volunteer ambulance services or companies, from the fees that the law requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to charge for certain services. Existing law already exempts federal, state, and municipal agencies from these fees.

The bill also prohibits the DESPP commissioner from requiring these volunteer fire and ambulance organizations to provide proof of insurance as a condition of receiving the fee waivers.

Under the bill, the fees DESPP must waive are as follows:

1. name search, $36;
2. fingerprint search, $75;
3. personal record search, $75;
4. letters of good conduct search, $75;
5. bar association search, $75;
6. fingerprinting, $15; and
7. criminal history record information search, $75.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION
Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea  25  Nay  0  (03/18/2021)