

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject FBI criminal history checks for credential applicants		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) evaluates applicants to determine whether they satisfy eligibility requirements. Applicants for a credential as a private security person, private detective, or private detective agency, who have a felony conviction, may not be granted a credential unless they have been pardoned. For most other credentials, an applicant is ineligible for a professional credential if he or she has an arrest or conviction records and the circumstances of the arrest or conviction relate to the professional activity for which the credential is issued.

The Department obtains complete information about criminal history from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by submitting fingerprint cards to the FBI through the Department of Justice (DOJ). The FBI mandates consistency in state law with its national policy and has recently advised the Department that a change is needed in Wisconsin Statutes in order for the FBI to continue to process the Department's requests.

This proposal would result in no change in Department procedures or processes and would have no fiscal impact.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications