

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 628

INTRODUCER: Senator Richter

SUBJECT: Fees for Records

DATE: December 2, 2015

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Crosier	Hendon	CF	<b>Favorable</b>
2.			ACJ	
3.			FP	

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**I. Summary:**

SB 628 adds the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to the list of specified state entities and vendors that pay a reduced fee per record for criminal history information for each name submitted.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2016, and has a minimal fiscal impact.

**II. Present Situation:**

Until May 25, 2015, the Department of Children and Families (“DCF”) performed background screening services for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD or the agency). The agency’s providers, vendors, employers, Consumer Directed Care Plus participants and representatives screening fees for state criminal records checks was \$8.00.

Beginning in May 2015, the agency migrated to the state Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse which required the agency’s screenings to be processed separately from DCF’s screenings. Consequently, the agency’s providers, vendors, employers, Consumer Directed Care Plus participants and representatives were charged \$24.00 per screening submitted.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill will add the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to the list of other state agencies that offer vendors and providers reduced cost for background screenings from \$24.00 per screening submitted to \$8.00 per screening submitted.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

## A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

## B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

## C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

## A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

## B. Private Sector Impact:

There will be a decrease from \$24.00 per name submitted for background screening to \$8.00 per name submitted for the agency's providers, vendors, employers, Consumer Directed Care Plus participants and representatives.

## C. Government Sector Impact:

The fee paid to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will decrease from \$24.00 per name submitted to \$8.00 per name submitted.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends section 943.053 of the Florida Statutes.

This bill reenacts the following sections of the Florida Statutes for the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 943.053, F.S.: 110.1127, 435.04, 496.4101, 943.0542.

**IX. Additional Information:**

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**  
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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