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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 28, 2005

AN ACT

1 Requiring the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police to
2 prepare a plan for electronic transmission of fingerprints.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Electronic
7 Transmission of Fingerprints Act.

8 Section 2. Pennsylvania State Police plan for electronic
9 transmission of fingerprints.

10 (a) Commissioner.--The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania
11 State Police shall, within 180 days of the effective date of
12 this section, submit a plan to the Governor and the General
13 Assembly for implementing the electronic transmission of
14 fingerprints by the Pennsylvania State Police to the Federal
15 Bureau of Investigation for any individual whose Federal
16 criminal history record information is required by Federal or

1 State law as a condition of employment or as a volunteer or
2 person with unsupervised access to children, the elderly or
3 individuals with disabilities pursuant to sections 3 and 5 of
4 the National Child Protection Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-209,
5 42 U.S.C. §§ 5119a and 5119c).

6 (b) Plan contents.--The plan shall identify as follows:

7 (1) The extent to which the electronic transmission of
8 fingerprints rather than transmission of fingerprint cards to
9 the Federal Bureau of Investigation will expedite the
10 retrieval of Federal criminal history record information and
11 accelerate the application process.

12 (2) State costs for implementing the electronic
13 transmission of fingerprints for purposes of obtaining
14 Federal criminal history record information for noncriminal
15 justice purposes.

16 (3) Recommendations for changes in fees for requests for
17 Federal or State criminal history record information.

18 (4) Whether the Pennsylvania State Police or a private
19 entity under contract with the Commonwealth should administer
20 requests for Federal or State criminal record history
21 information for noncriminal justice purposes.

22 Section 10. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect immediately.