

**Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

PUBLISHED: 1/26/2026 5:04 PM

ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB530 **Patron:** Thornton
Bill Title: Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; criminal background check.

Bill Summary: Establishes the procedure by which the Board of Dentistry shall fulfill the criminal background check requirement of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. The bill requires applicants for compact-eligible licensure to provide fingerprints and personal identifying information for a criminal background check, directs the Central Criminal Records Exchange to disseminate criminal history information obtained to the Board, and establishes the process by which an applicant may obtain their criminal history record in the event that such applicant disputes the criminal history information on which a denial of licensure is based.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 415
Explanation: The Department of State Police (VSP) will require additional general fund appropriation and positions to comply with the requirements of this legislation, attributable to Item 415 (Information Technology Systems, Telecommunications and Records Management).

Fiscal Summary: The proposed legislation will require additional general fund expenditures on the part of the Department of State Police (VSP) for which they are not currently appropriated. No fiscal impact is expected for the Board of Dentistry or the Department of Health Professions. See table and fiscal analysis below.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VSP (156)	-	\$211,246	\$199,511	\$199,511	\$199,511	\$199,511
TOTAL	-	\$211,246	\$199,511	\$199,511	\$199,511	\$199,511

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VSP (156)	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
TOTAL	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires fingerprint-based criminal background checks for dentists and dental hygienists and directs the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) at the Department of State Police (VSP) to disseminate the results of such background checks to the Board of Dentistry. Currently, the Civil and Applicant Records Exchange (CARE) at VSP is tasked with processing criminal history records and background checks. The agency reports that one Fingerprint Technician and one Program Support Technician can process up to 10,000 inked fingerprint cards per year and up to 20,000 electronic fingerprint transmissions. While it is unknown how many background checks will be required as a result of the proposed legislation, the agency reports that CARE is operating at capacity and cannot sustain further workload increases. VSP estimates the cost for one

Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

additional Fingerprint Technician Trainee and one additional Program Support Technician at \$211,246 the first year (FY 2027) and \$199,511 in subsequent years (FY 2028 and thereafter). The cost estimate includes salary, fringe benefits, and non-personnel operating costs for supplies and equipment; the first year cost also includes one-time onboarding costs for the positions.

Under the bill, the Board of Dentistry will receive records of any criminal background checks performed by VSP related to dentists and dental hygienists seeking a compact license. It is expected that any workload increases associated with records retention will be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Other: n/a