

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB445H1

Patron: Bagby

Bill Title: Department of Motor Vehicles data; certain institutions of higher education; fees.

Bill Summary: Authorizes the release of certain privileged Department of Motor Vehicles data to those institutions of higher education that have entered into an agreement with the Department to offer special license plates bearing the seal, symbol, emblem, or logotype of that institution of higher education. The bill authorizes the Department to charge a one-time fee to cover the initial costs of implementing the provisions of this bill and establishes a limit on fees for data requests. The bill limits the use of such data to surveys, marketing, and solicitations related to such institution of higher education and such purposes as are otherwise authorized in writing by the subject of the information and requires the consent of the subject of the information prior to disclosure of the information. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2027.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: Any anticipated state fiscal impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles related to costs associated with this proposed legislation are expected to be absorbed by the bill's authorized fees. Participating institutions of higher education will support the required fees with existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: See fiscal summary.

Other: HB1226 is a companion bill.