



**ILLINOIS  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
INFORMATION AUTHORITY**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO EXISTING LAW**

This proposal amends the Illinois Uniform Conviction Information Act to eliminate the requirement that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority *annually* review the maximum fee criminal justice agencies other than the Illinois State Police may charge and assess for processing requests for conviction information pursuant to the Act.

**REASONS FOR PROPOSING THE BILL**

Finding 01-2 of the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the two years ending June 30, 2001 identified the Authority's noncompliance with the Illinois Uniform Conviction Act as it pertains to the annual review of fees.

The Illinois Uniform Conviction Information Act requires the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to annually review the maximum fee that criminal justice agencies other than the Illinois State Police may charge and assess for processing requests for conviction information pursuant to the Act. The analysis to review the maximum fee involves consulting with representatives of criminal justice agencies and representatives of municipal, civic, and business groups to establish a reasonable estimate of the actual costs to participating criminal justice agencies through the State to comply with the Act, and to determine if there would be an unreasonable negative impact or undue burden placed on requestors of conviction information.

The Authority has determined that very few local criminal agencies provide assistance under the Act. Most requestors seek conviction information directly from the Illinois State Police. Going through the above process annually to review the maximum fee has created an undue burden on the Authority, especially considering the fact that very few local agencies are impacted

This bill will address the audit finding and reduce the burden on the Authority to annually conduct a fee reassessment. With this law in place, the Authority will have more flexibility in reviewing the fee as necessary.

**PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

None

**EFFECT ON OTHER STATE AGENCIES**

None.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSAL**

July 1, 2003

**PROBABLE SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS**

Unknown at this time.

**WITNESSES AND BILL DRAFTING**

The proposal contained in this bill involves several witnesses and bill drafters, all of which can be contacted through:

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**SUGGESTED SPONSORS:**

To be determined