

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 4963
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 2023

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires private detectives to register their foreign employers with State Police.

Type of Impact: Annual State expenditure increase.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
Annual State Cost Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety will experience annual cost increases to provide the required notification to private detectives and to establish and maintain the registry required by the bill.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires licensed private detectives to notify the Division of State Police when they are employed by a foreign government or foreign national. Current federal law requires any individual acting at the direction of a foreign government to notify the United States Attorney General.

This bill also requires the Division of State Police to maintain a registry of private detectives licensed in this State who are employed by foreign nationals and foreign governments

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS determines that the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety will experience annual cost increases to provide the required notification to private detectives and to establish and maintain the registry required by the bill.

The Division of State Police will experience a one-time expense for the establishment of a secure registry that is only available to the Attorney General and members of the Division of State Police. The bill requires the registry to include: (1) the name of the licensed private investigator; (2) the business name associated with the private investigator; (3) the address at which the business is registered; (4) the name and business name of the client; and (5) the address of the client. Ongoing costs related to maintaining the registry are also projected.

Further, the New Jersey State Police Private Detective Unit is the regulating authority for the private security industry in this State. The State Police may deny, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a license for certain failures on the part of a licensed private investigator or business. The OLS cannot estimate the number of private detective licenses that may be revoked or suspended for failing to comply with the requirements of this bill.

Private Detective Background - Currently, the New Jersey State Police Private Detective Unit licenses and regulates the private detective profession in New Jersey. According to the FY 2023 Budget, in FY 2021 there were an estimated 665 private detectives licenses issued and 561 private detective employees registered.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).