FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 7, 2017

Agency Submitting: Department of Public Safety, General Services

| Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both | Fiscal Year 2016-17 | Fiscal Year 2017-18 | Fiscal Year 2018-19 | Effect on Future Biennia |
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| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

BDR 38-61 SB 189: Section 5 of this bill requires the Division of Child & Family Services (DCFS) to request additional background checks of employees, residents and participants of child care facilities that consist of information secured from the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History (Central Repository) and the Statewide Central Registry for Child Abuse and Neglect; expands the list of crimes which would disqualify a person for licensure to operate a child care facility or to work in a child care facility; requires DCFS to request information for an initial background check of an employee before the employee has any direct contact with any child at the facility; and increases the frequency of background checks for persons holding licenses to operate child care facilities and employees and residents over the age of 18 living in child care facilities.

If enacted as introduced, SB 189 would impact the Central Repository. The language in Section 5 is unclear, but it is assumed that the intent is for the Repository to automatically return conviction information of licensees, employees and residents of child care facilities to the DCFS for an updated suitability determination for continued licensure/employment. The Central Repository does not have the system capabilities to perform these functions in an automated manner at this time. Additionally, the number of potential conviction information returns for this purpose is unknown; therefore, the staffing impact cannot be determined.

The Central Repository has historically processed approximately 3,000 fingerprint-based background checks per year under NRS 432A.175. Increasing the frequency of the background checks per Section 5 would increase the workload. As such, the Central Repository requests to return to the Interim Finance Committee in the 2018-2019 biennium should workload increases necessitate additional staffing.

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| GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS | Date | Monday, March 06, 2017 | | |
| The agency's response appears reasonable and is line with previous legislative sessions impacts responses relating to statute changes impacting the Criminal History Repository. | | | | |
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