



## Fiscal Note

### S.B. 44

2025 General Session  
Professional Licensure Background  
Checks  
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#### General, Income Tax, and Uniform School Funds

JR4-4-101

|                            | Ongoing    | One-time | Total      |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Net GF/ITF/USF (rev.-exp.) | \$(15,500) | \$0      | \$(15,500) |

#### State Government

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

| Revenues                            | FY 2025 | FY 2026    | FY 2027    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| General Fund                        | \$0     | \$(15,500) | \$(15,500) |
| General Fund, One-time              | \$0     | \$0        | \$0        |
| Dedicated Credits Revenue           | \$0     | \$127,400  | \$127,400  |
| Dedicated Credits Revenue, One-time | \$0     | \$0        | \$0        |
| Commerce Service Account            | \$0     | \$15,500   | \$15,500   |
| Commerce Service Account, One-time  | \$0     | \$0        | \$0        |
| Transfers                           | \$0     | \$76,500   | \$76,500   |
| Transfers, One-time                 | \$0     | \$(76,500) | \$(76,500) |
| Total Revenues                      | \$0     | \$127,400  | \$127,400  |

Enactment of this legislation could increase Dedicated Credits Revenue to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) by \$127,400 ongoing beginning in FY 2026 due to fees collected. Also, enactment of this legislation could increase transfers to DPS by \$76,500 ongoing beginning in FY 2026, due to fees that are collected by DPS and then transferred to the FBI. This impact will have a 2-year delay due to a lag on the FBI side. Additionally, enactment of this legislation could decrease the annual transfer from the Commerce Service Account to the General Fund by \$15,500 ongoing beginning in FY 2026 due to the expenditures listed below.

| Expenditures                        | FY 2025 | FY 2026    | FY 2027    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| Dedicated Credits Revenue           | \$0     | \$127,400  | \$127,400  |
| Dedicated Credits Revenue, One-time | \$0     | \$0        | \$0        |
| Commerce Service Account            | \$0     | \$15,500   | \$15,500   |
| Commerce Service Account, One-time  | \$0     | \$0        | \$0        |
| Transfers                           | \$0     | \$76,500   | \$76,500   |
| Transfers, One-time                 | \$0     | \$(76,500) | \$(76,500) |
| Total Expenditures                  | \$0     | \$142,900  | \$142,900  |

Enactment of this legislation could cost DPS \$127,400 ongoing from Dedicated Credits beginning in FY 2026 for staff support due to an increase in background check cases. Also, enactment of this legislation could increase transfers from DPS to the FBI by \$76,500 ongoing beginning FY 2026, but with a 2-year delay due to a lag on the FBI side. Additionally, enactment of this legislation could increase costs to the Commerce Service Account by \$15,500 ongoing beginning in FY 2026 for staff support, due to the increase in investigative cases.

|               | FY 2025 | FY 2026    | FY 2027    |
|---------------|---------|------------|------------|
| Net All Funds | \$0     | \$(15,500) | \$(15,500) |

Local GovernmentUCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

Individuals & BusinessesUCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this legislation could cause an additional estimated 6,372 people to pay a \$20 background check fee to the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification and a \$12 background check fee that passes through Public Safety to the FBI, which is an aggregate of about \$127,400 ongoing for the \$20 fee and \$76,500 ongoing for the \$12 fee.

Regulatory ImpactUCA 36-12-13(2)(d)

Enactment of this legislation could result in a small increase in the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

Performance EvaluationJR1-4-601

This bill creates a new program or significantly expands an existing program.  
For a list of questions lawmakers might ask to improve accountability for the proposed program, please see: <https://budget.utah.gov/newprogram>

Notes on Notes  
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