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User Fees for Fingerprint- and Name-based Criminal History Record Searches

Following an analysis of the costs to the FBI for conducting criminal history record searches, an interim revised schedule of fees was implemented by the Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) in October 2007. At its November 2007 meeting, the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council asked for SEARCH's assistance in examining the impact upon the states and how they manage the revised fee structure. SEARCH subsequently emailed two questions to its Membership concerning any changes states may have implemented or are contemplating, for fingerprint- and name-based search fees. A total of 39 responses were received. Results are summarized below and on the following data table.

The results include:

- Seven states (CO, GA, KS, MI, MO, RI, TN) have reportedly revised their fees for fingerprint-based checks or will revise fees by the end of calendar year 2008. Two additional states (OR, WA) will revise fees in 2009-2010.
- Texas did not revise fees for fingerprint-based state checks, but did pass along the decrease in FBI fees.
- Four states (CO, CT, ME, MO) have reportedly revised their fees for name-based checks or will revise fees by the end of calendar year 2008. Two additional states (OR, WA) will revise fees in 2009-2010, and two states (NH, VT) have begun discussing or considering fee changes.
- Arkansas did not revise fees for name-based checks, but did pass a \$2 ISP transaction fee to users that previously had not been paying the fee.
- States are reporting an increase in the time and resources needed to process manually submitted fingerprint cards for civil applicants. WI charges a fee of \$19.25 (FBI automated rate) for fingerprint card submissions and scans the record for electronic submission to the FBI at no extra cost to the applicant. GA will soon waive fees for all electronic submissions of FBI checks. TN will soon increase its fee from \$48 to \$60 for processing mail-in fingerprint cards which are forwarded to the FBI.

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	Has your state changed its fees for <u>fingerprint-based</u> checks of the state criminal history record system or plan to by 12/31/08?		Has your state changed its fees for <u>name-based</u> checks of the state criminal history record system or plan to by 12/31/08?	
Alabama	---			
Alaska	no		no	
Arizona	---			
Arkansas	no		no	On Oct 1, 2007, the Internet Service Provider transaction fee (\$2) was passed on to users that previously had not been paying the fee.
California	no		no	Name-based checks performed (no charges) only after rejection of fingerprints for quality reasons.
Colorado	yes	Currently reviewing fee structure.	yes	Currently reviewing fee structure.
Connecticut	no		some	Volunteer state fees reduced from \$18 to \$15.25 to reflect the FBI change. We have not changed the regular fee of \$25 per request.
Delaware	no		no	
District of Columbia	---			
Florida	no		no	
Georgia	yes	Current fee (\$15) charged only for state record checks only. If authorized for FBI check, only the FBI revised fee is charged. Proposed fee is \$15 for ALL manual submissions, but waived for electronic submissions - to be effective Jan 1, 2009.	no	Conducted only by local law enforcement.
Guam	---			
Hawaii	no		no	
Idaho	no		no	
Illinois	---			
Indiana	no		no	
Iowa	---			
Kansas	yes	On Oct 1, 2007, fees changed to \$29.75 (from \$30) for public search and \$19.75 (from (\$20) for caregiver search.	no	
Kentucky	no		no	
Louisiana	---			
Maine	no		yes	Increased from \$25 to \$31 (or \$21 for subscription users)
Maryland	no		no	
Massachusetts	no		no	
Michigan	yes	On Oct 1, 2007, MI changed the fee charged to reflect the CJIS Division's reduced charge.	no	
Minnesota	---			
Mississippi	---			

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Missouri	yes	\$20. On Sept 1, 2007, MO increased fees for both fingerprint and name checks, in order to cover the costs of the anticipated rapback project and providing checks via Internet. No service fees for rapback proposed.	yes	\$9. On Sept 1, 2007, MO increased fees for both fingerprint and name checks, in order to cover the costs of the anticipated rapback project and providing checks via Internet. No service fees for rapback proposed.
Montana	no	Currently \$10.	no	Currently \$10 in person/mail or \$11.50 via Internet.
Nebraska	---			
Nevada	no		no	
New Hampshire	NA	We do not process NH-only requests.	no	Presently discussing raising the fee for a NH record check.
New Jersey	no	On Mar 1, 2008, our contract vendor fee changes to \$11 (from \$14).	no	
New Mexico	no		no	
New York	---			
North Carolina	no		no	
North Dakota	no		no	
Ohio	---			
Oklahoma	no		no	
Oregon	no	In the process of fee revisions. All fees are projected to increase effective July 1, 2009.	no	In the process of fee revisions. All fees are projected to increase effective July 1, 2009.
Pennsylvania	no		no	
Puerto Rico	no	No fees. Services given locally for law enforcement agencies only.	no	
Rhode Island	yes	From \$24 to \$35.	no	Currently \$5 as set in statute.
American Samoa	---			
South Carolina	---			
South Dakota	---			
Tennessee	yes	Fees for electronic submissions decreasing. Fee for manual submission of cards increasing.	no	
Texas	no	Fees for state searches not revised, but we did pass on the decrease in FBI fees.	no	
Utah	no		no	
Vermont	no		no	Considering fee change. Proposals range from \$15-\$30 for name/DOB check.
Virgin Islands	no		no	
Virginia	no		no	
Washington	no	Proposals for fee changes expected in 2009-2010.	no	Proposals for fee changes expected in 2009-2010.
West Virginia	no		no	
Wisconsin	no		no	
Wyoming	---			

