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Senate Bill 972 (as introduced 3-3-98)
Sponsor: Senator Bill Bullard, Jr.
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the handgun licensure Act to provide that an application for a license to purchase a pistol, and a licensing authority's data relating to the status of that application, would have to be made available to the public in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Currently, the handgun licensure Act requires a license from local or county law enforcement officials to purchase, carry, or transport a pistol. It specifies that upon the sale of a pistol, the seller must fill out the license forms describing the pistol and the date of sale, and both the seller and licensee must sign in ink indicating the sale and purchase of the pistol. The licensee must return two copies of the license to the licensing authority within 10 days following the purchase. One copy of the license must be retained by the licensing authority as an official record for six years. The other copy of the license must be forwarded by the licensing authority within 48 hours to the Director of the Department of State Police. A license is void unless used within 10 days after its issue.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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