



# HOUSE BILL 735: DPS Changes

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of the bill as it was  
presented in  
committee.**

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**Committee:** Rules and Operations of the Senate  
**Introduced by:** Reps. C. Graham, Pierce  
**Analysis of:** PCS to Third Edition  
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**SUMMARY:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 421 would make various changes related to the Department of Public Safety.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1(a)** of the PCS would amend the budget (S.L. 2015-241, H97) to make a technical correction that is needed to ensure the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) can spend the funds intended to be spent on updating the Statewide Automated Fingerprint Information System (SAFIS).

**Section 1(b)** of the PCS would amend the statute authorizing the SBI to charge a reasonable fee responding to public record requests to include the costs of storing and maintaining records in the authorized fee that can be charged.

**Section 2** of the PCS would amend provisions that were enacted by S.L. 2015-195 (H562), requiring the taking of fingerprints of persons charged with certain misdemeanors, to remove the purpose language and simply provide that the fingerprints be forwarded to the SBI.

**Section 3** S.L. 2015-241 (H97) eliminated the Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety and moved the State Capitol Police Section to the State Highway Patrol. Section 3 of the PCS would amend G.S. 143B-911 to clarify that the State Capitol Police are not members of the State Highway Patrol.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 2 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2015. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2015.

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