



# HOUSE BILL 143: Universal Identification/Biometrics Study.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 143 would direct the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to study the feasibility of requiring a universal identification program in all State-related transactions and whether to add biometric identification as an additional authentication method for existing State identification systems.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 143 would direct the LRC to study the feasibility of requiring individuals' participation in a universal identification program to secure all State-related transactions and whether any existing State identification system, database, or network should add biometric identification. As part of the study, the bill requires the LRC to do the following:

1. Examine existing State universal identification systems to determine which systems would be suitable for adaptation and improvement.
2. Identify which State agency would be appropriate for developing, maintaining and implementing a universal identification system.
3. Determine if implementing a universal identification system would comply with higher education and medical information privacy laws.
4. Determine the financial impact of implementing a universal identification system, with and without biometric authentication.
5. Develop a projected timeline for implementation.
6. Study any other matters the LRC deems relevant to its efforts.

The LRC must report its findings and any proposed legislation to the 2020 Regular Session of the 2019 General Assembly upon its convening.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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