



2023-2024 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 19F.4: Make State Bureau of Investigation Independent Department

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 19F.4 of S.L. 2023-134

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 19F.4 of S.L. 2023-134 establishes the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) as a cabinet-level department, removing it from the Department of Public Safety, and does the following:

- Authorizes the Director of the SBI to exempt up to 10 employees from portions of the State Human Resources Act. This section became effective October 3, 2023.
- Authorizes the General Assembly to remove the Director of the SBI by a three-fifths vote of the Senate and House of Representatives membership present and voting for influencing elections or political activities, misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance.
- Reduces the fee for an expunction under G.S. 15A-145.8A from \$175.00 to \$52.50.
- Eliminates the State Human Resources Act exemption for SBI employees if the exemption was provided by the Governor. This section became effective October 3, 2023.
- Makes conforming changes.

The remainder of the section became effective December 1, 2023.

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