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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 2001 (Stefani) – As Introduced February 17, 2026

Policy Committee: Public Safety

Vote: 9 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: Yes

Reimbursable: No

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to furnish state summary criminal history information to a city attorney or county counsel pursuing public nuisance action or red-light abatement actions.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

Minor, likely absorbable costs to the Department of Justice (General Fund) for processing additional requests for state summary criminal history information. DOJ already maintains the criminal history database and furnishes records to city attorneys and county counsel in analogous contexts, including gang injunctions, drug abatement actions, and gun violence restraining orders. The bill extends this existing access to public nuisance and red-light abatement cases, which is an incremental expansion that should not require new systems or staff. The volume of additional requests is unknown but expected to be modest.

**COMMENTS:**

- 1) **Purpose.** According to the author, civil prosecutors pursuing public nuisance and red-light abatement cases currently lack access to criminal history records that would help them identify repeat offenders, connect patterns of conduct across jurisdictions, and prioritize enforcement resources.
- 2) **Background.** Access to state summary criminal history information is generally prohibited and only allowed when specifically authorized by statute. DOJ currently furnishes criminal history records to city attorneys and county counsel pursuing gang injunctions and drug abatement actions (AB 104, Chapter 104, Statutes of 2007) and gun violence restraining orders (AB 2917, Chapter 539, Statutes of 2024). This bill adds public nuisance actions and red-light abatement actions to the list of authorized purposes—an extension of existing access provisions to a closely related category of civil enforcement.

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