
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2339 (Gipson) - Firearms: prohibited persons

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: Yes

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Bill Summary: AB 2339 would expand the reporting provisions governing the possession of firearms by prohibited persons.

Fiscal Impact: Potentially significant costs to the Department of Justice (DOJ), to update its Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS) to process new information to be reported for prohibited persons and for related enforcement (General Fund).

Background: Current law allows a person to be held for evaluation, and stabilization and treatment if the person is deemed a danger to themselves or others due to a mental health crisis. This type of involuntary mental health hold results in the suspension of the person's right to possess firearms and ammunition, if upon evaluation by mental health professionals, the person is involuntarily admitted to a designated mental health facility. Upon admission, mental health facilities are required to report the hold to DOJ. This bill proposes specific reporting and documentation changes to improve the quality and utility of the information reported.

Proposed Law: This bill proposes to improve APPS relating information with new reporting requirements, including:

- 1) That a designated facility that accepts the transfer for placement of a person detained on a mental health hold from another designated facility shall be responsible for the required reports.
- 2) That a person who is released from intensive treatment shall remain subject to the five year prohibition on firearm possession.
- 3) Requiring the facility to submit to the DOJ, in conjunction with the report containing information regarding the admitted person, a copy of the document substantiating the report or finding prohibiting the person from possessing firearms, ammunition, or other deadly weapons, which includes the court order, minute order, or probable cause finding for certification of intensive treatment.
- 4) Requiring the report submitted to the DOJ under the provisions described above related to persons subject to a mental health hold, intensive treatment and firearm prohibitions shall include specified identification information.
- 5) Requiring all reports submitted to DOJ shall include a copy of a government-issued identification card, including a driver's license, state identification card, or military identification card.
- 6) Requiring facilities to make every reasonable effort to acquire and submit to DOJ the identification information for persons subject to firearm prohibitions, mental health holds or who have been certified for intensive treatment. Reasonable effort includes the facility requesting the information from the person at admission and during completion of the form and examining any available patient records

the facility maintains. If the facility responsible for acquiring and submitting the identification information acquires any missing or previously unknown identification information, the facility shall immediately submit the information.

- 7) Requiring all information reported to DOJ under the provisions described above to be kept confidential, separate, and apart from all other records maintained by DOJ. Upon proper application, as determined by DOJ, the information provided to DOJ may be provided and used only under specified circumstances.

A violation of the privacy of the information reported would be a misdemeanor. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state mandated local program.