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Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Chairs, Senate and House Appropriations Committees
Chairs, Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
North Carolina General Assembly
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Re: Concealed Handgun Permit Report

Dear Members:

Pursuant to Section 14.5(a) of Chapter 284 of the 2003 Session Laws, please find the report of the Department of Justice on the receipts, costs for, number of criminal record checks performed in connection with applications for concealed handgun permits, and number of applications received and approved for firearms safety courses for the fiscal year 2002-2003. The figures under receipts and costs represent totals from the Division of Criminal Information, the Justice Academy and the Criminal Justice Training and Standards Section, all of which are involved in this program.

			FIREARM SAFETY COURSES	
RECEIPTS	COSTS	NUMBER OF CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS PERFORMED	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	APPLICATIONS APPROVED
\$ 568,827	\$ 274,354	12,133	412	412

In 2001, the General Assembly increased the State Bureau of Investigation's budgeted receipts by \$1.5 million and decreased state appropriations by the same amount. As a result, these over-budgeted receipts not only support the cost of concealed weapon permit activities, they support the salaries and operating expenses of sworn field agents, the crime laboratory and other law enforcement functions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. We would be happy to respond to any questions you may have regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chloe Gossage, Fiscal Research Division