



## State of North Carolina

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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 15.5.(a) of Chapter 276 of the 2005 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 2004-2005. The information described below is collected 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
\$ 516,510	\$ 436,386	11,478	476	476

As you may know, 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