



DOAA

Georgia Department
of Audits & Accounts

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

January 8, 2025

The Honorable Elena Parent
State Senator
121-A State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
Senate Bill (LC 39 4434)

Dear Senator Parent:

The bill (“Donna’s Law”) would require the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to establish a voluntary database of individuals prohibited from purchasing a firearm (“do not sell list”). The bill gives GCIC responsibility for managing the do not sell list and establishing a process for individuals to voluntarily request to be included on the list. The bill also requires GCIC to develop registration forms, procedures for transmitting registration requests, and a process for removing individuals from the list. Finally, the bill would require GCIC to report registered individuals to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

As shown in **Table 1**, GCIC estimates total one-time costs of \$28,800 and annual costs of \$163,500 for system changes and additional staff. GCIC noted that Donna’s Law will not impact Brady Law regulations.

Table 1: GCIC Administrative Costs

	One Time Cost	Annual Cost
Personnel	\$16,800	\$138,500
GLEMS System	\$12,000	\$25,000
Total	\$28,800	\$163,500

- **Personnel** - GCIC anticipates it will need one Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Analyst position to implement the bill’s requirements. The estimated cost includes annual salary and benefits, as well as operating costs (one-time and ongoing) associated with the position. The CJIS analyst would be responsible for conducting entry, modification and removal of mental health records and ensuring the information is submitted to NICS. The CJIS Analyst will also assist in creating and presenting training materials on Donna’s Law.
- **Georgia Law Enforcement Message Switch (GLEMS) system** – GCIC also estimates increased expenses due to one-time modifications and annual ongoing maintenance of GLEMS. Probate Courts will use GLEMS to electronically submit mental health records to GCIC in order to meet the time restriction in the proposed legislation. For healthcare providers (who do not have access to submit records electronically), a form will be created to capture the requested mental health information to be mailed, emailed, or faxed to GCIC, and manually entered into GLEMS by the CJIS analyst.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Greg S. Griffin in blue ink.

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

Handwritten signature of Richard Dunn in blue ink.

Richard Dunn, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

GSG/RD/jb