

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 5, 2024
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB24-003 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1, insert:

2 **"SECTION 1. Legislative intent - legislative findings.** (1) It is
3 the intent of the general assembly that the Colorado bureau of
4 investigation investigate:

5 (a) Egregious attempts to purchase firearms by previously
6 convicted felons who are identified through the Instacheck unit denial process;

7 (b) Unlawful activity involving illegal firearm components and
8 accessories; and

9 (c) Tips and information relating to firearms violations as they are
10 received, specifically focusing on straw purchases and personally
11 manufactured firearms, commonly known as ghost guns.

12 (2) (a) The general assembly finds that the Colorado bureau of
13 investigation has operated in partnership with local law enforcement
14 agencies on criminal investigations and that the bureau maintains a robust
15 operating directive that outlines how investigators will, as soon as
16 practicable after an investigation begins, communicate with local law
17 enforcement agencies to determine the nature and extent of a
18 firearm-related investigation.

19 (b) The general assembly intends that the Colorado bureau of
20 investigation communicate with local law enforcement and the local
21 district attorney in the jurisdiction where the bureau is conducting an
22 investigation into illegal activity involving firearms."

23 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

24 Page 2, strike lines 10 through 12 and substitute:

1 "(t) TO INVESTIGATE THROUGHOUT THE STATE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
2 INVOLVING FIREARMS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 12 OF TITLE 18, INCLUDING
3 INVESTIGATING ILLEGAL FIREARM TRANSFERS AND ATTEMPTS, AS
4 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-2-101, TO ILLEGALLY OBTAIN A FIREARM. WHEN
5 CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION, THE BUREAU SHALL REASONABLY
6 COMMUNICATE WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND
7 COLLABORATE WITH THE LOCAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN THE JURISDICTION
8 WHERE THE BUREAU IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION IN THE BEGINNING
9 STAGES OF THE INVESTIGATION. THIS SUBSECTION (1)(t) DOES NOT
10 AUTHORIZE THE BUREAU TO INVESTIGATE OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
11 ENCOUNTERED DURING A FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATION WITHOUT
12 CONSENT FROM, OR IN COLLABORATION WITH, THE LOCAL LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS REQUIRED BY LAW."

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