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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Local criminal justice systems will likely only be minimally impacted by the bill. To the extent that new criminal cases are created, local criminal justice systems may experience an increase in workload and related costs to investigate and adjudicate cases in which a person has been charged with selling automated license plate recognition system (ALPRS) information commercially and, if convicted, to sanction the offender.

The bill generally prohibits, with allowable exceptions, a person from knowingly collecting, using, selling, transferring, or sharing any images, information, or other data collected from an ALPRS for commercial purposes. An ALPRS is a system comprised of one or more mobile or fixed high-speed cameras, combined with computer algorithms, that can convert images of license plates into computer-readable data. A violation of the bill's prohibition is a first degree misdemeanor, which is subject to a term of incarceration in a locally operated jail of not more than 180 days, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.¹

ALPRS use is typically associated with law enforcement activity, which is still permitted under the bill, but they can also be installed and used by private companies or individuals. LBO research indicates that it is not uncommon for insurance companies, auto recovery and repossession companies, data brokers, and surveillance technology vendors to have access to this type of information. The extent to which such data is being sold commercially in Ohio and would not qualify for one of the exemptions under the bill is unknown, but likely infrequent. Please see the [LSC bill analysis](#) for the full list of exemptions.

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¹ Any fine revenue collected is generally retained by the county in which the violation occurred.