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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. The bill allows a person who is between 18 and 21 years old to receive or purchase a handgun from a federally licensed firearms dealer. As it relates to purchases made by and from a federally licensed firearms dealer, violations of current law as described below are rare, therefore the bill is unlikely to have a fiscal impact on state and local criminal justice systems.

Under current law, a federally licensed firearms dealer is prohibited from selling or furnishing of a handgun to a person 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age, a violation of which is improperly furnishing a firearm to a minor, a fifth degree felony punishable by 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 months definite prison term, a fine of up to $2,500, or both.

With certain exceptions, under current law, a person under 21 is prohibited from purchasing or attempting to purchase a handgun, a violation of which is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by not more than 90 days in jail, a fine of up to $750, or both.