Proposed law requires all law enforcement officers to report the following information relating to traffic stops: (1) the number of persons stopped for traffic violations; (2) characteristics of race, gender, age and state of residence; (3) the nature of the alleged traffic violation; (4) whether a warrant or citation was issued, an arrest made or a search conducted as a result of the stop; and (5) if a search was conducted, the type of search and the legal basis for that search, and whether contraband was discovered and property was seized. Law enforcement agencies shall submit such information on a quarterly basis to the Department of Public Safety. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety shall provide a report of this information annually to the governor and members of the legislature on or before May 1st of each year.

According to the Department of Public Safety, state general fund expenditures will increase by approximately $237,000 in the first year and $60,000 thereafter. First year costs include: $148,000 in acquisitions and supplies for additional hardware to allow for the mobile data computers to electronically transmit newly collected information; $9,000 for overtime by the Office of Management and Finance, Office of Information Services to make the necessary changes to the existing database; $20,000 to contract for the design of the Internet/Intranet data entry and reporting system; $35,000 for the actual data entry of approximately 100,000 traffic stops; and $25,000 for one word processing operator for the Traffic Record Section in the Office of State Police to manage the collection and subsequent reporting to the legislature. Recurring expenditures will include approximately $25,000 for the word processing operator and $35,000 for the professional services contract for data entry.

Proposed legislation requires all law enforcement officers to collect and report information relative to traffic stops. Therefore, local fund expenditures will increase by an unknown amount to allow for local law enforcement to transmit the required data to the Department of Public Safety.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.