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SB 1047 Office of the Attorney General - Firearm Crime - Study

Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss Senate Bill 1047, Office of the Attorney General - Firearm Crime - Study.

SB1047 expands on Chapter 335 of 2019 that requires the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to gather specified information on emergency assistance involving a firearm crime. SB 1047 requires the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to study information regarding firearm crimes committed in the State since August 1, 2015, including:

- · the number and types of firearm crimes;
- · the jurisdictions where the crime occurred; and
- 911 requests for emergency assistance involving firearms
- whether any arrests were made and, if so, the age of each individual arrested;
- whether any charges were filed and, if so, the specific crimes charged, disposition of each charge, and the age of each individual charged; and
- the type of firearm recovered and whether the firearm had a serial number.

SB 1047 also requires the Attorney General's Office to file reports with the Governor's Office and the General Assembly on its findings and conclusions:

- December 1, 2020, Firearm crimes committed from August 1, 2015 thru July 31, 2019
- 2. December 1, 2022, Firearm crimes committed from August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2021.

An amendment asking for information regarding the number of injuries and fatalities of minors and adults; injuries and fatalities by jurisdiction; and injuries and fatalities identified as by suicide, accidental and homicide occurring on or after July 1, 2020, including has been requested.

I respectfully request a favorable report for an amended SB 1047.