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Senator Bryant and Katherine,

Yesterday, a Banking and Insurance subcommittee took up S 148 (description below), which would allow for freezes to be placed on the credit reports of protected consumers. One of the key issues that came up was cost. The bill provides that each credit agency can charge \$5 to create an account if one doesn't already exist, unless there already is evidence of identity theft. Senator Cromer (and other members of the subcommittee) expressed some concern about consumers having to bear the cost, since the security breach is one of the prime drivers that is pushing consumers to place freezes on their reports.

In order to start a discussion about our available options, he asked me to contact you about the possibility of the state paying for the freezes for the first few years. I believe that his thinking is that funding this cost should be part of the discussion/price negotiations regarding extending the Experian fraud alert coverage and providing consumers with a full range of solutions.

Based on the discussions that you've participated in, do you think this is possible? We don't want to attach a provision to this good bill that will then doom it.

Thanks,
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S 0148 General Bill, By Shealy, Bryant and Gregory

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 37 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONSUMER IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION, BY ADDING SECTION 37-20-161, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD A CLASS OF "PROTECTED CONSUMERS" FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT, TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES, PROVIDING SUFFICIENT PROOF OF AUTHORITY, TO PLACE A PREEMPTIVE SECURITY FREEZE ON PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CREDIT REPORTS, TO PROVIDE THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS TO IMPLEMENT A SECURITY FREEZE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DURATION AND EXTENT OF A SECURITY FREEZE, AND TO PROVIDE TERMS FOR REMOVAL OF A SECURITY FREEZE ON A PROTECTED CONSUMER'S CREDIT REPORT OR RECORD.