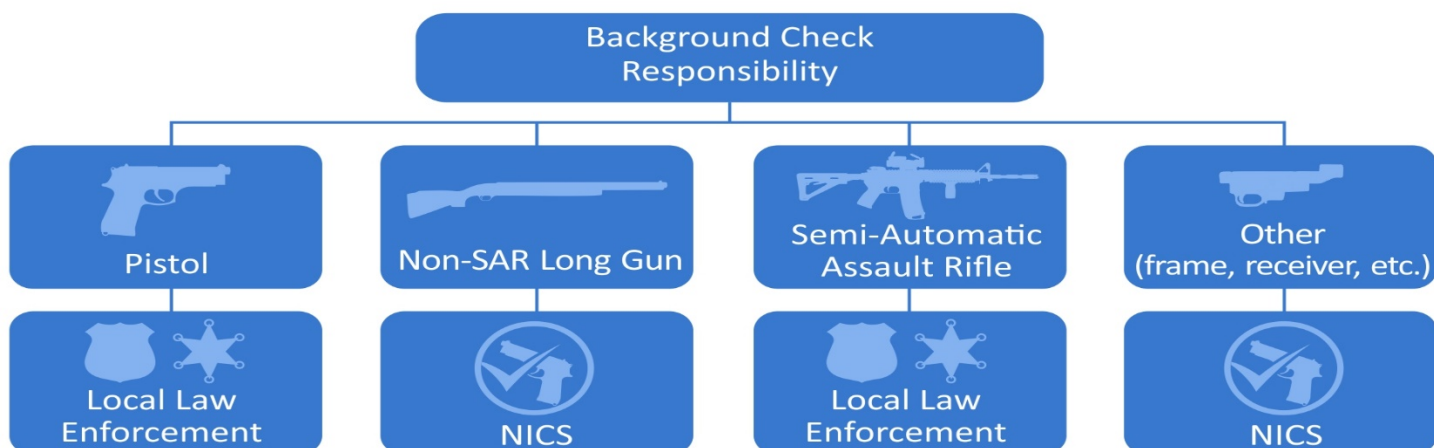


# Centralized Firearm Background Checks for Washington State

## Current Process - Decentralized State



In the 2020 legislative session, a bill was passed laying the groundwork for Washington State to become a centralized point of contact state for all background checks being completed for firearms. The Washington State Patrol (WSP) was named the agency that would conduct all of those checks.

The WSP built an Implementation Plan - <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/legislative-reports>. The plan was published to the legislature in December 2020. The plan is a roadmap for the technology needed for the background checks and how to put together a new division within the WSP.

### KEY DATES

<b>January 2021</b>	Hired a Project Manager, Technical Architect and Quality Assurance personnel for the technology need and building a new division.
<b>March 2021</b>	Start the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to find a technology vendor.
<b>September 2021</b>	Have a contract in place with the top technology vendor building the required system.
<b>September 2021 – March 2023</b>	Technology vendor will build the required system.
<b>2022 - 2023</b>	Testing with Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Health Care Authority (HCA), Department of Licensing (DOL) and Federal Firearm License (FFL) dealers.
<b>July 2023</b>	Soft Launch of the system with a few FFL's at a time.
<b>January 2024</b>	Statewide implementation of the system.

## Future Process - Centralized State

