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1 AN ACT Relating to background checks of employees at the special
2 commitment center; and adding a new section to chapter 71.09 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71.09 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The safety and security needs of the secure facility operated
7 by the department of social and health services pursuant to RCW
8 71.09.060(1) make it vital that employees working in the facility meet
9 necessary character, suitability, and competency qualifications. The
10 secretary shall require a record check through the Washington state
11 patrol criminal identification system under chapter 10.97 RCW and
12 through the federal bureau of investigation. The record check must
13 include a fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal
14 identification fingerprint card. The criminal history record checks
15 shall be at the expense of the department. The secretary shall use the
16 information only in making the initial employment or engagement
17 decision, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section.
18 Further dissemination or use of the record is prohibited.

1 (2) This section applies to all current employees hired prior to
2 the effective date of this act who have not previously submitted to a
3 department of social and health services criminal history records
4 check. The secretary shall use the information only in determining
5 whether the current employee meets the necessary character,
6 suitability, and competency requirements for employment or engagement.

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