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1   AN ACT Relating to requiring the governor to provide background
2 check information regarding gubernatorial appointees; and amending
3 RCW 43.06.030.

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

5   **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.06.030 and 1981 c 338 s 12 are each amended to
6 read as follows:
7   For a gubernatorial appointment to be effective, the governor
8 must:
9   (1) Use a background check to screen the appointee in a uniform
10 and timely manner to verify that the appointee does not have a
11 history that would disqualify the appointee. At a minimum, the
12 background check must include a name and date of birth check for a
13 conviction record, as defined in RCW 10.97.030; and
14   (2) Transmit to the secretary of the senate notice of the
15 appointment, along with pertinent information regarding the
16 appointee, within fourteen days after making any appointment subject
17 to senate confirmation. Pertinent information must include, but is
18 not limited to, verification that a background check has been
19 completed under subsection (1) of this section. If the applicant has
20 a conviction record or if the screening reveals other information
21 that was considered as part of the appointment, the office of the

1 governor must make that information available to the senate for
2 consideration.

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