

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1305

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Authorizing background checks before an authorized emergency vehicle permit is issued.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Haigh, McDonald, Eickmeyer, Holmquist, Wallace, P. Sullivan, Roach, Morrell and Sells.

**House Committee on Transportation**

**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**Background:**

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is responsible for screening applicants for authorized emergency vehicle permits. This permit is required for drivers of Department of Transportation incident response vehicles, private contractors providing funeral procession traffic control, school security personnel, and fire department chiefs driving private vehicles.

As part of the screening process, applicants are screened through both the WSP's criminal identification section and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). However, the FBI's policy regarding fingerprint checks requires a legislative enactment authorizing the use of FBI records for the screening of applicants. The WSP is currently using the FBI's records by virtue of a temporary waiver.

**Summary:**

The WSP's equipment and standards review unit must require a records check of all applicants for an authorized emergency vehicle permit through the WSP and the FBI. The record check is required to include a fingerprint check, and the applicant may be employed on a conditional basis pending completion of the investigation.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0
Senate	46	0

**Effective:** June 7, 2006