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By Senator L. Smith.

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1 AN ACT Relating to background checks; and reenacting and amending
2 RCW 43.43.830.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.43.830 and 1990 c 3 s 1101 and 1990 c 146 s 8 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.840.

8 (1) "Applicant" means:

9 (a) Any prospective employee who will or may have unsupervised
10 access to children under sixteen years of age or developmentally
11 disabled persons or vulnerable adults during the course of his or her
12 employment or involvement with the business or organization;

13 (b) Any prospective volunteer who will or may have (~~regularly~~
14 ~~scheduled~~) unsupervised access to children under sixteen years of age,
15 developmentally disabled persons, or vulnerable adults during the

1 course of his or her employment or involvement with the business or
2 organization under circumstances where such access will or may involve
3 groups of (i) five or fewer children under twelve years of age, (ii)
4 three or fewer children between twelve and sixteen years of age, (iii)
5 developmentally disabled persons, or (iv) vulnerable adults; or

6 (c) Any prospective adoptive parent, as defined in RCW 26.33.020.

7 (2) "Business or organization" means a business or organization
8 licensed in this state, any agency of the state, or other governmental
9 entity, that educates, trains, treats, supervises, or provides
10 recreation to developmentally disabled persons, vulnerable adults, or
11 children under sixteen years of age, including school districts and
12 educational service districts.

13 (3) "Civil adjudication" means a specific court finding of sexual
14 abuse or exploitation or physical abuse in a dependency action under
15 RCW 13.34.040 or in a domestic relations action under Title 26 RCW. In
16 the case of vulnerable adults, civil adjudication means a specific
17 court finding of abuse or financial exploitation in a protection
18 proceeding under chapter 74.34 RCW. It does not include administrative
19 proceedings. The term "civil adjudication" is further limited to court
20 findings that identify as the perpetrator of the abuse a named
21 individual, over the age of eighteen years, who was a party to the
22 dependency or dissolution proceeding or was a respondent in a
23 protection proceeding in which the finding was made and who contested
24 the allegation of abuse or exploitation.

25 (4) "Conviction record" means "conviction record" information as
26 defined in RCW 10.97.030(3) relating to a crime against children or
27 other persons committed by either an adult or a juvenile. It does not
28 include a conviction for an offense that has been the subject of an
29 expungement, pardon, annulment, certificate of rehabilitation, or other
30 equivalent procedure based on a finding of the rehabilitation of the

1 person convicted, or a conviction that has been the subject of a
2 pardon, annulment, or other equivalent procedure based on a finding of
3 innocence. It does include convictions for offenses for which the
4 defendant received a deferred or suspended sentence, unless the record
5 has been expunged according to law.

6 (5) "Crime against children or other persons" means a conviction of
7 any of the following offenses: Aggravated murder; first or second
8 degree murder; first or second degree kidnaping; first, second, or
9 third degree assault; first, second, or third degree rape; first,
10 second, or third degree rape of a child; first or second degree
11 robbery; first degree arson; first degree burglary; first or second
12 degree manslaughter; first or second degree extortion; indecent
13 liberties; incest; vehicular homicide; first degree promoting
14 prostitution; communication with a minor; unlawful imprisonment; simple
15 assault; sexual exploitation of minors; first or second degree criminal
16 mistreatment; child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020; first
17 or second degree custodial interference; malicious harassment; first,
18 second, or third degree child molestation; first or second degree
19 sexual misconduct with a minor; first or second degree rape of a child;
20 patronizing a juvenile prostitute; child abandonment; promoting
21 pornography; selling or distributing erotic material to a minor;
22 custodial assault; violation of child abuse restraining order; child
23 buying or selling; prostitution; felony indecent exposure; or any of
24 these crimes as they may be renamed in the future.

25 (6) "Crimes relating to financial exploitation" means a conviction
26 for first, second, or third degree extortion; first, second, or third
27 degree theft; first or second degree robbery; forgery; or any of these
28 crimes as they may be renamed in the future.

1 (7) "Disciplinary board final decision" means any final decision
2 issued by the disciplinary board or the director of the department of
3 licensing for the following businesses or professions:

4 (a) Chiropractic;

5 (b) Dentistry;

6 (c) Dental hygiene;

7 (d) Massage;

8 (e) Midwifery;

9 (f) Naturopathy;

10 (g) Osteopathy;

11 (h) Physical therapy;

12 (i) Physicians;

13 (j) Practical nursing;

14 (k) Registered nursing;

15 (l) Psychology; and

16 (m) Real estate brokers and salesmen.

17 (8) "Unsupervised" means not in the presence of for any length of
18 time:

19 (a) Another employee or volunteer from the same business or
20 organization as the applicant who has undergone a background check
21 under RCW 43.43.834; or

22 (b) Any relative or guardian of any of the children or
23 developmentally disabled persons to which the applicant has access
24 during the course of his or her employment or involvement with the
25 business or organization.

26 (9) "Vulnerable adult" means a person sixty years of age or older
27 who has the functional, mental, or physical inability to care for
28 himself or herself or a patient in a state hospital as defined in
29 chapter 72.23 RCW.

1 (10) "Financial exploitation" means the illegal or improper use of
2 a vulnerable adult or that adult's resources for another person's
3 profit or advantage.

4 (11) "Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association,
5 corporation, or facility which receives, provides services to, houses
6 or otherwise cares for vulnerable adults.