
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5213

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles and Costa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to record checks of private school educational
2 employees; adding a new section to chapter 28A.195 RCW; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.195
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds additional safeguards are necessary to
8 ensure safety of school children attending private schools in the state
9 of Washington. In order to ensure this goal, private schools approved
10 under this chapter shall require that all employees who have regularly
11 scheduled unsupervised access to children who apply for employment on
12 or after July 1, 1999, undergo a record check through the Washington
13 state patrol criminal identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through
14 43.43.838, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050 and through the federal bureau of
15 investigation. The record check shall include a fingerprint check
16 using a complete Washington state criminal identification fingerprint
17 card. Employee applicants who have completed a record check in
18 accordance with RCW 28A.410.010 are not required to undergo the record
19 check required by this section. The superintendent of public

1 instruction shall provide a copy of the record report to the applicant.
2 Once an applicant has a record check as required under this section,
3 additional record checks shall not be required of the applicant unless
4 required by other provisions of law.

5 (2) The approved private school or the applicant shall pay the
6 costs associated with the record check required in this section.

7 (3) When necessary, applicants may be employed on a conditional
8 basis pending completion of the investigation. If the applicant has
9 had a record check within the previous two years, the approved private
10 school or contractor may waive the requirement.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
14 immediately.

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