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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Costa, Prentice, Winsley, Long, Keiser and Benton)

Brief Description: Regulating disclosure of information by international matchmaking organizations.

**SB 6412-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires each international matchmaking organization doing business in Washington state to disseminate to a recruit, upon request, state background check information and marital history information relating to any Washington state resident about whom any information is provided to the recruit, in the recruit's native language.

Directs the organization to notify all recruits that background check and marital history information is available upon request.

Provides that the notice that background check and marital history information is available upon request shall be in the recruit's native language and shall be displayed in a manner that separates it from other information, is highly noticeable, and in lettering not less than one-quarter of an inch high.

Provides that, if an international matchmaking organization receives a request for information from a recruit pursuant to this act, the organization shall notify the Washington state resident of the request. Upon receiving notification, the Washington state resident shall obtain from the state patrol and provide to the organization the complete transcript of any background check information provided pursuant to RCW 43.43.760 based on a submission of fingerprint impressions and provided pursuant to RCW 43.43.838 and shall provide to the organization his or her marital history information.

Provides that the organization shall require the resident to affirm that marital history information is complete and accurate, and includes any information regarding marriages, annulments, and dissolutions which occurred in other states or countries.

Declares that the organization shall refrain from knowingly providing any further services to the recruit or the Washington state resident in regards to facilitating future interaction between the recruit and the Washington state resident until the organization has obtained the requested information and provided it to the recruit.

Does not apply to a traditional matchmaking organization of a religious nature that otherwise operates in compliance with the laws of the countries of the recruits of such organization and the laws of the United States nor to any organization that does not charge a fee to any party for the service provided.