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Sponsor(s): Senators Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Fairley and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Providing for the licensing of private sports coaches or trainers.

**SB 6229 - DIGEST**

Provides that a person shall not represent himself or herself as a private sports coach or trainer unless licensed as provided for in this act.

Declares that an applicant must meet the following minimum requirements to obtain a private sports coach or trainer license:

- (1) Be at least eighteen years of age;
- (2) Be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien;
- (3) Not have been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction;
- (4) Submit a set of fingerprints;
- (5) Pay the required nonrefundable fee for each application;

and

(6) Submit a fully completed application on a form prescribed by the director.

Requires the director to investigate the conviction records, pending charges, and disciplinary board final decisions of any applicant seeking a private sports coach or trainer license under this act.

Provides that the investigation may include an examination of state and national criminal identification data. The director shall use the information solely for the purpose of determining the character and suitability of the applicant to receive a license under this act.

Requires the director to immediately suspend any license issued under this act if the holder has been certified pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the person is in compliance with the order.

Provides that, in addition to the unprofessional conduct described in RCW 18.235.130, the following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct: (1) Knowingly violating any of the provisions of this chapter or the rules adopted under this chapter;

- (2) Being convicted of any crime against children;
- (3) Finding in any dependency action under RCW 13.34.040 to have sexually assaulted or exploited any child or to have physically assaulted any child;
- (4) Finding by a court in a domestic relations proceeding under Title 26 RCW to have sexually abused or exploited any child or to have physically abused any child;
- (5) Finding in any disciplinary board final decision to have sexually or physically abused or exploited any child.