

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6720

As Passed Senate, February 13, 2006

Title: An act relating to reporting requirements for criminal history record information.

Brief Description: Revising reporting requirements for criminal history record information.

Sponsors: Senators Brandland, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Hargrove, Rockefeller, Schmidt, Rasmussen, Stevens, Delvin and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 1/31/06 [DP].

Passed Senate: 2/13/06, 43-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, McAuliffe and Thibaudeau.

Staff: Shani Bauer (786-7468)

Background: A Joint Task Force on Criminal Background Check Processes (Task Force) was created by the 2004 legislative session. A Task Force report was given to the Legislature in January 2005. The Task Force made several recommendations for improvements to the law and requested the term of the Task Force be extended in order to consider matters that were raised at the 2004 meetings but required further analysis and discussion. The Task Force was extended to December 2005 per SHB 1681.

In 2005, the Legislature passed SSB 5899, which eliminated certain provisions requiring that civil and administrative decisions be sent to the Washington State Patrol (WSP). The Task Force had discovered that, as a practical matter, the decisions were not being forwarded to the WSP or could not be integrated into the WSP's criminal history records because they did not contain fingerprint records.

Summary of Bill: Technical corrections to statutory language are made at the recommendation of the Task Force and consistent with legislation that passed the Legislature last year. Dependency record information and protection proceeding record information are no longer required to be sent to the WSP and references to this information are eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill is consistent with last year's legislation and is a technical cleanup of the statute.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Mary Neff, Washington State Patrol.