

HB 2835 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that the safety of children in foster care depends upon receipt of comprehensive, accurate, and timely information about the background of prospective foster parents.

Provides that during an emergency situation when a child must be placed in out-of-home care due to the absence of appropriate parents or custodians, the department of social and health services shall request a federal name-based criminal history record check of each adult residing in the home of the potential placement resource.

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2835

March 28, 2008

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 4, House Bill 2835 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to requiring federal name-based criminal history record checks when a child is placed in out-of-home care in an emergency situation."

Section 4 is an emergency clause providing the bill with an immediate effective date. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has notified the State that it will extend provisional access to its name/descriptor criminal background check database until this bill takes effect. An emergency clause is therefore unnecessary.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 4 of House Bill 2835.

With the exception of Section 4, House Bill 2835 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor