

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2259

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Expanding background check requirements for certain educational institutions.

Sponsors: Representatives Rude, Leavitt and Thai; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

House Committee on Education
Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

Background:

Before hiring an employee who will have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children or persons with developmental disabilities, the following entities must require a criminal history record check that includes a fingerprint check (record check) through the Washington State Patrol Criminal Identification System and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): school districts, educational service districts, the Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (CDHY), the State School for the Blind (WSSB), and their contractors.

If the applicant has had a record check within the previous two years, the requesting entity may waive the requirement for a record check. The entity hiring the employee determines who pays costs associated with the record check.

Summary:

School districts, educational service districts, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the CDHY, the WSSB, and the contractors of each of these entities, must require a record check before hiring an employee who will receive criminal history record information or personally identifiable information from another employee's record check.

The OSPI is added to the list of entities subject to record check requirements, including requiring a record check before hiring an employee who will have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children or persons with developmental disabilities, with the same exception for waivers and cost allocation discretion.

Votes on Final Passage:

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House 98 0
Senate 48 0

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