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1            AN ACT Relating to state background checks on persons providing  
2 services to physically disabled or mentally impaired persons; amending  
3 RCW 43.20A.710; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.20A.710 and 1989 c 334 s 13 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            The secretary shall investigate the conviction records, pending  
8 charges or disciplinary board final decisions of: (1) Persons being  
9 considered for state employment in positions directly responsible for  
10 the supervision, care, or treatment of children, mentally ill persons  
11 or developmentally disabled persons; and (2) sole independent  
12 contractors who are paid by the state and hired by physically disabled  
13 or mentally ill or impaired persons. The sole independent contractors  
14 shall pay the fee charged by the state patrol for the state background

1 check. The investigation may include an examination of state and  
2 national criminal identification data and the child abuse and neglect  
3 register established under chapter 26.44 RCW. The secretary shall use  
4 the information solely for the purpose of determining the character,  
5 suitability, and competence of these applicants. Criminal justice  
6 agencies shall provide the secretary such information as they may have  
7 and that the secretary may require for such purpose. If necessary,  
8 persons may be employed on a conditional basis pending completion of  
9 the background investigation.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act applies prospectively only and  
11 not retroactively.