
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5836

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Johnson, Hochstatter, Zarelli, Winsley, Oke and Kohl)

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1 AN ACT Relating to record checks of educational employees; adding
2 new sections to chapter 28A.195 RCW; making an appropriation; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.195
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds additional safeguards are necessary to
8 ensure safety of school children attending private schools in the state
9 of Washington. In order to ensure this goal, by June 30, 1998, private
10 schools approved under this chapter shall require that all employees
11 who have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children and were
12 hired before July 1, 1997, undergo a record check through the
13 Washington state patrol criminal identification system under RCW
14 43.43.830 through 43.43.838, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050 and through the
15 federal bureau of investigation. The record check shall include a
16 fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal
17 identification fingerprint card. Certificated employees who have
18 completed a record check in accordance with RCW 28A.410.010 are not
19 required to undergo the record check required by this section. The

1 superintendent of public instruction shall provide a copy of the record
2 report to the employee. Once an employee has a record check as
3 required under this section, additional record checks shall not be
4 required of the employee unless required by other provisions of law.

5 (2) Private schools under this chapter and their employees shall
6 not be required by the state patrol or superintendent of public
7 instruction to pay for the record check required in subsection (1) of
8 this section.

9 (3) The record checks required in this section shall be in process
10 no later than June 30, 1998.

11 (4) This section expires March 31, 1999.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.195
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 Beginning June 30, 1997, each administrator of a state-approved
15 private school, prior to hiring a private school employee who will have
16 regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children, shall require the
17 employee applicant to undergo a record check through the Washington
18 state patrol criminal identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through
19 43.43.838, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050 and through the federal bureau of
20 investigation. The record check shall include a fingerprint check
21 using a complete Washington state criminal identification fingerprint
22 card. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide a copy of
23 the record report to the applicant. The applicant or the private
24 school shall pay the costs associated with the record check.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
26 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
27 ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the superintendent of
28 public instruction for the purpose of section 1 of this act.

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