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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Johnson, Long, Hale, Wood, Winsley, Zarelli, Prince, Deccio, Horn, McCaslin, Morton, Schow, Oke, Rossi, Sellar and Hochstatter)

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1 AN ACT Relating to record checks of private school educational
2 employees; adding new sections to chapter 28A.195 RCW; making an
3 appropriation; and 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, 1999, 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, 1998, 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, 1999.

11 (4) This section expires March 31, 2000.

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

14 Approved private schools and their contractors hiring employees who
15 will have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children shall
16 require a record check through the Washington state patrol criminal
17 identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.834, 10.97.030,
18 and 10.97.050 and through the federal bureau of investigation before
19 hiring an employee. The record check shall include a fingerprint check
20 using a complete Washington state criminal identification fingerprint
21 card. The requesting entity shall provide a copy of the record report
22 to the applicant. When necessary, applicants may be employed on a
23 conditional basis pending completion of the investigation. If the
24 applicant has had a record check within the previous two years, the
25 approved private school or contractor may waive the requirement. The
26 approved private school or contractor hiring the employee shall
27 determine who shall pay costs associated with the record check.

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

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