

1 **SSB 5213 - H AMD 0185 ADOPTED 04/13/99**

2 By Representative Schindler

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

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. Private schools approved under this chapter are
10 authorized to require that employees who have regularly scheduled
11 unsupervised access to children, whether current employees on the
12 effective date of this act or applicants for employment on or after
13 the effective date of this act, undergo a record check through the
14 Washington state patrol criminal identification system under RCW
15 43.43.830 through 43.43.838, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050 and through the
16 federal bureau of investigation. The record check shall include a
17 fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal
18 identification fingerprint card. Employees or applicants for
19 employment who have completed a record check in accordance with RCW
20 28A.410.010 shall not be required to undergo a record check under this
21 section. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide a
22 copy of the record report to the employee or applicant. If an employee
23 or applicant has undergone a record check as authorized under this
24 section, additional record checks shall not be required unless required
25 by other provisions of law.

26 (2) The approved private school, the employee, or the applicant
27 shall pay the costs associated with the record check authorized in this
28 section.

29 (3) Applicants may be employed on a conditional basis pending
30 completion of the investigation. If the employee or applicant has had
31 a record check within the previous two years, the approved private
32 school or contractor may waive any record check required by the
33 approved private school under subsection (1) of this section.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
35 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
2 immediately.-

EFFECT: Removes the mandate that approved private schools obtain a record check on employees hired on or after the effective date of this act through the WSP/FBI; authorizes approved private schools to obtain record checks on current and future employees with unsupervised access to children.