
SENATE BILL 5213

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By Senators McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles and Costa

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1 AN ACT Relating to record checks of private school educational
2 employees; adding a new section to chapter 28A.195 RCW; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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, beginning July 1,1999,
10 private schools approved under this chapter shall require that all
11 employees who have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children
12 and were hired before July 1, 1999, and persons who apply for
13 employment on or after July 1, 1999, 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. Certificated employees and employee
19 applicants who have completed a record check in accordance with RCW

1 28A.410.010 are not required to undergo the record check required by
2 this section. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide
3 a copy of the record report to the employee or applicant. Once an
4 employee or a applicant has a record check as required under this
5 section, additional record checks shall not be required of the employee
6 or applicant unless required by other provisions of law.

7 (2) The approved private school or the employee or applicant shall
8 pay the costs associated with the record check required in this
9 section.

10 (3) The processing of record checks required in this section for
11 employees hired before July 1, 1999, shall begin by September 30, 1999.

12 (4) When necessary, applicants may be employed on a conditional
13 basis pending completion of the investigation. If the applicant has
14 had a record check within the previous two years, the approved private
15 school or contractor may waive the requirement.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 immediately.

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