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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Schmidt, B. Sheldon, Eide, Regala, Berkey, Winsley, Parlette, Jacobsen, McAuliffe and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire fighter record checks; adding a new section
2 to chapter 41.08 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 52.30 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.08 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 For all paid or volunteer fire fighters, hired or appointed after
7 the effective date of this act, that may, in the course of their work
8 or volunteer activity for a city or town, have access to the home or
9 property of another person, cities and towns shall require a record
10 check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification
11 system under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.834, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050
12 and through the federal bureau of investigation before hiring an
13 employee or accepting a volunteer. The record check shall include a
14 fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal
15 identification fingerprint card. The requesting entity shall provide
16 a copy of the record report to the applicant or volunteer. When
17 necessary, as determined by the city or town, applicants and volunteers
18 may be employed on a conditional basis pending completion of the
19 investigation. If the applicant has had a record check within the

1 previous twelve months, the city or town may waive the requirement upon
2 receiving a copy of the record from the applicant or volunteer. The
3 city or town may in its discretion require that the applicant or
4 volunteer pay the costs associated with the record check.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 52.30 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 For all employees or volunteers, hired or appointed after the
8 effective date of this act, that may, in the course of their work or
9 volunteer activity with the district, have access to the home or
10 property of another person, fire protection districts shall require a
11 record check through the Washington state patrol criminal
12 identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.834, 10.97.030,
13 and 10.97.050 and through the federal bureau of investigation before
14 hiring an employee or accepting a volunteer. The record check shall
15 include a fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal
16 identification fingerprint card. The requesting entity shall provide
17 a copy of the record report to the applicant or volunteer. When
18 necessary, as determined by the fire protection district, applicants
19 and volunteers may be employed on a conditional basis pending
20 completion of the investigation. If the applicant has had a record
21 check within the previous twelve months, the fire protection district
22 may waive the requirement upon receiving a copy of the record from the
23 applicant or volunteer. The fire protection district may in its
24 discretion require that the applicant or volunteer pay the costs
25 associated with the record check.

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