
SENATE BILL 6441

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

1 the applicant or volunteer. The city may in its discretion require
2 that the applicant or volunteer pay the costs associated with the
3 record check.

4 (2) Record checks shall not be required of persons who are paid or
5 volunteer fire fighters of the city prior to the effective date of this
6 act.

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

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

27 (2) Record checks shall not be required of persons who are paid or
28 volunteer fire fighters of the fire protection district prior to the
29 effective date of this act.

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