
SENATE BILL 5553

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By Senators Brandland, Kohl-Welles, Hargrove and Regala

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot program for live scan devices;
2 creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the technology
5 used for criminal history record information background checks for
6 employment purposes are rapidly increasing in Washington. Live-scan is
7 a means to electronically gather and transmit fingerprint data for
8 background check purposes. Gathering fingerprints electronically not
9 only reduces the number of rejected fingerprints by improving the
10 accuracy and quality of prints, but it also reduces the turnaround time
11 for gathering criminal background checks for perspective employees.

12 The legislature has learned that live-scan technology is currently
13 limited in the state for noncriminal justice purposes. There are no
14 public or private sector fingerprinting service centers to accommodate
15 individuals applying for noncriminal justice employment or licensing.
16 The legislature further finds that creating a pilot program, by
17 strategically placing several live-scan devices in government offices
18 throughout the state, will help employers and prospective employees to
19 more easily gather and transmit data for noncriminal justice purposes.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The amount of two hundred seventy thousand
2 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from
3 the state general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, to the
4 superintendent of public instruction. The amount in this section is
5 provided solely to purchase a live-scan device for each educational
6 service district, to be used for noncriminal justice purposes.

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