

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5426

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Human Services & Corrections, February 10, 2011

**Title:** An act relating to allowing the department of early learning and the department of social and health services to share background check information.

**Brief Description:** Allowing the department of early learning and the department of social and health services to share background check information.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kohl-Welles, Tom and McAuliffe; by request of Department of Early Learning.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Human Services & Corrections: 2/04/11, 2/10/11 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Carrell, Harper and McAuliffe.

**Staff:** Kevin Black (786-7747)

**Background:** The Department of Early Learning (DEL) must conduct a federal background check for any current employee, applicant, state-paid provider, or provider paid by a home care agency who may have unsupervised access to children, vulnerable adults, or individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities. These background checks are processed through the Background Check Unit at the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

**Summary of Bill:** DEL and DSHS may share federal background check data in order to fulfill the statutory duties of each agency. Neither department may share federal background check results with any other state agency or person.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This bill is about efficient government. It is also more efficient for providers.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Kohl-Welles, prime sponsor; Amy Blondin, Bob McClellan, Department of Early Learning.