

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6167

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regarding dissemination of criminal identification system information.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Padden, Roach and Chase).

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Housing

Background: The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is authorized to disclose conviction records at no cost when it relates to an authorized purpose concerning developmentally disabled persons, vulnerable adults, and minors. Information may be disclosed to:

- a business, organization, or individual person regarding a person seeking employment with a vulnerable population;
- the Washington Educator Standards Board regarding a person seeking a certificate; and
- a law enforcement agency, the attorney general, a prosecuting authority, or the Department of Social and Health Services regarding any person that may aid in the investigation and prosecution of an abuse case or to protect an adult or child from further abuse.

In the context of the statute, a business or organization is defined as a person; business; or organization licensed in this state, any agency of the state, or other governmental entity that educates, trains, treats, supervises, houses, or provides recreation to developmentally disabled persons, vulnerable adults, or children under sixteen years of age, or that provides child day care, early learning, or early learning childhood education services, including but not limited to public housing authorities, school districts, and educational service districts.

Summary: WSP is authorized to disclose conviction records of a prospective client or resident at no cost upon the request of a business or organization that qualifies as a nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Code and that provides emergency shelter or transitional housing for children, persons with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adults. A client or resident is defined as a child, person with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adult applying for housing assistance from a business or organization.

Votes on Final Passage:

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House 96 0

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