

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5968

As of July 23, 2019

Title: An act relating to requiring the governor to provide background check information regarding gubernatorial appointees.

Brief Description: Requiring the governor to provide background check information regarding gubernatorial appointees.

Sponsors: Senators Becker, Schoesler, Wagoner and Wilson, L..

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections: 7/25/19.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the governor to perform background checks on gubernatorial appointees.
- Specifies certain information that must be forwarded to the Senate about appointees.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

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Background: The Governor is empowered to appoint the heads of particular executive agencies, as well as the members of many boards and commissions, subject to Senate confirmation. The Governor must forward pertinent information on these appointees when they are sent to the Senate for confirmation, but the scope of pertinent information is not defined.

Summary of Bill: The Governor must implement a uniform background check process for appointees who are subject to Senate confirmation. At a minimum this must include a check for any criminal convictions. Information discovered during the background check and considered as part of the appointment is pertinent information that must be forwarded to the Senate. If a criminal conviction record exists, it must be included.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on July 19, 2019.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

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