

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 352

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Provides relative to background checks for certain early childhood workers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:8.9(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:8.9(A)(6), relative to criminal
3 background checks for persons with an early childhood ancillary certificate; to
4 provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:8.9(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:8.9(A)(6)
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §8.9. Criminal history reviews for certification, teaching permits, or teacher
10 authorizations; state repository

11 A.(1) ~~Beginning January 1, 2025, any~~ Any applicant for an initial educator
12 credential or teaching authorization issued by the State Board of Elementary and
13 Secondary Education through the state Department of Education shall undergo a
14 criminal history record check as provided in this Section.

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16 (6) An early childhood ancillary certificate as provided for in rules and
17 regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
18 through the Administrative Procedure Act shall not require a criminal history record
19 check as provided for in this Section. An applicant for issuance or renewal of such

