

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 830****2016 Regular Session****Seabaugh**

CHILDREN/CARE: Provides relative to criminal background checks for owners, employees, volunteers, and inspectors of early learning centers

<b>Synopsis of Senate Amendments</b>	
1.	Require rather than authorize DOE to collect processing fees for criminal history reports.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law prohibits any person who has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to certain crimes, including sex crimes and crimes against children, from directly or indirectly owning, operating, or participating in the governance of an early learning center, being hired by an early learning center as a volunteer or employee of any kind, or being hired by the state Dept. of Education (DOE) if the position includes the performance of early learning center licensing inspections. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires BESE to establish by regulation, requirements, and procedures consistent with the provisions of present law (R.S. 15:587.1) under which the owner or operator of an early learning center may request information concerning whether or not any center owner or volunteer, applicant, or employee of any kind, including contractors, has been arrested for or convicted of or pled nolo contendere to any criminal offense.

Proposed law authorizes DOE rather than owners and operators to request criminal history information for these individuals and requires DOE to collect the processing fees charged for state and federal criminal history reports when it receives a request for an employment eligibility determination and to timely submit these fees to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Proposed law shall become effective when BESE promulgates rules providing for implementation procedures by which DOE shall conduct employment eligibility determinations or on September 30, 2017, whichever is earlier.

(Amends R.S. 15:587.1(B)(1) and (C)(intro. para.) and R.S. 17:407.42(B)(1)(a))