

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

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

DIGEST

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 requires DOE to request criminal history information for these individuals. Also authorizes 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 requires that DOE 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 on or 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Authorize DOE to collect processing fees for criminal history reports and require DOE to timely submit such fees to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.
2. Provide for proposed law effectiveness on Sept. 30, 2017, or when BESE promulgates rules relative to implementation, whichever is sooner.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill

1. Requires DOE to conduct criminal background checks for early learning center owners, employees and applicants.