

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

Existing law requires BESE to establish certain requirements and procedures relative to the requesting of criminal history information. Prior law authorized an early learning center's owner or operator to request such information. New law instead requires DOE to request such information, 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 DOE to submit these fees timely to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

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))