
DIGEST

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HB 99 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires certain head coaches of youth athletes to submit to a criminal background check and provides relative to the cost of obtaining the background check.

Present law provides that a religious, charitable, scientific, educational, athletic, or youth-serving institution or organization may require any person, who applies to work with children as a volunteer or as a paid employee, to do the following:

- (1) Agree to release all investigative records for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of criminal violation information.
- (2) Supply fingerprints and submit to a criminal history records check.
- (3) Attend a comprehensive youth protection training program.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that any head coach of youth athletes in an organized sports or recreational athletic contest, not as part of a religious, charitable, scientific, educational, athletic, or youth-serving institution, and who is not a parent of the child, legal guardian of the child, or is otherwise not a family member of the child, is required to do the following:

- (1) Agree to release all investigative records for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of criminal violation information.
- (2) Supply fingerprints and submit to a criminal history records check.
- (3) Make available criminal history record information.

Proposed law provides that when a criminal history records check is requested, the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information shall provide the requestor with the state criminal history record information of the individual subject to the inquiry. Proposed law further requires the bureau to forward the fingerprints to the FBI for a national criminal history records check and provide the requestor with the national criminal history record information of the individual subject to the inquiry.

Proposed law requires the bureau to charge the individual subject to the background check for

furnishing information contained in the criminal history and identification files, including any additional costs. For paid employees of a youth-serving institution or organization, the bureau is required to charge the institution or organization for the criminal history records check.

(Amends R.S. 15:587.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Remove the requirement that a parent or legal guardian request the criminal history record information from the coach.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical corrections.
2. Restore present law relative to background checks for persons who apply to work with children as a volunteer or paid employee of a religious, charitable, scientific, educational, athletic, or youth-serving institution or organization.
3. Amend proposed law to specify that proposed law applies to any head coach of youth athletes in an organized sports or recreational contest.
4. Provide that proposed law does not apply to a parent of the child, a legal guardian of the child, or a family member of the child.
5. For paid employees of a youth-serving institution or organization, require the bureau to charge the institution or organization for the costs of the criminal history records check.