## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires background checks for employees or volunteers dressed as certain characters when there is substantial contact with children as part of the employment, and provides relative to penalties.

<u>Present law</u> provides that ceratin institutions or organizations may require any person who applies to work with children 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.

<u>Present law</u> requires any head coach of youth athletes not part of certain <u>present law</u> institutions or organizations to do the aforementioned <u>present law</u> tasks as well as making available criminal history record information.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires background checks for anyone dressed as a character in either a public setting or private setting where compensation is provided and substantial contact with children is required.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides penalties for sex offenders and employers who are in violation of the law.

(Amends R.S. 15:587.3(C); Adds R.S. 15:587.3(A)(3))