Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 156 by Representative Freiberg

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" and before "relative" delete "R.S. 17:15(C)," and insert "R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(j)(ii) and 587.1(B)(1)(c) and R.S. 17:15(C) and to repeal R.S. 15:587.1(A)(2),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 3, after "an" and before "or" delete "initial certification" and insert "educator credential"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(j)(ii) and 587.1(B)(1)(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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A.(1)

(ii) The Louisiana Department of Education shall be entitled to criminal history record and identification files of the bureau of any person who has submitted a fingerprint request pursuant to R.S. 15:587.1 and R.S. 17:15(C)(2). The bureau is authorized to submit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be retained in the FBI rap back system for the purpose of being searched by future submissions to the FBI rap back system, including latent fingerprint searches. The bureau shall make available to the Louisiana Department of Education rap backs for requests made pursuant to R.S. 17:15(C)(2).

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B.(1)

(c) In addition to the requirements of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, for requests made by the state Department of Education pursuant to R.S. 17:15(C)(2), the bureau is authorized to submit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be retained in the FBI rap back system for the purpose of being searched by future submissions to the FBI rap back system, including latent fingerprint searches. The bureau shall make available to the Louisiana Department of Education rap backs for requests made pursuant to R.S. 17:15(C)(2). Any recipient of such information as provided for in this Paragraph shall maintain the confidentiality of such criminal history information in accordance with applicable state or federal law.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, at the beginning of line 9, change "Section 1." to "Section 2."

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 1, line 12, after "for" and before "shall" delete "a certification or teaching authorization" and insert the following:
"an educator credential or teaching authorization issued by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or the state Department of Education"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 1, at the end of line 13, change "Section." to "Subsection."

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 1, line 18, between "of" and "or" delete "a certificate" and insert "an educator credential"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 2, line 7, after "arrested" and before "pled" delete "for or" and insert "for, convicted of, or."

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 2, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:
"(3)  The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act shall establish requirements and procedures consistent with the provisions of R.S. 15:587.1 under which the board may, for any applicant for or recipient of an educator credential or teaching authorization issued in accordance with state law or board policy, do the following:
(a)  Request information from the state bureau and the federal bureau concerning whether the person has been arrested for, convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to any criminal offense.
(b)  Require and provide the procedure for the submission of a person's fingerprints to the state bureau, and from the state bureau to the federal bureau, in a form acceptable to the state bureau."

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 2, at the beginning of line 13, change "(3)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 11
On page 2, line 14, after "dollars," and before "may" insert "which may be increased by up to five percent annually;"

AMENDMENT NO. 12
On page 2, at the beginning of line 19, change "(4)" to "(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 13
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On page 2, line 19, after "R.S. 17:7(6)(h)," delete the remainder of the line and delete line 20 in its entirety and insert the following:

"neither the board nor the department shall issue an educator credential or teaching authorization to a"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 2, at the beginning of line 23, change "(5)" to "(6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 2, line 23, after "with" and before "or" delete "a certification" and insert "an educator credential"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 2, at the beginning of line 26, after "such" and before "or" delete "certification" and insert "educator credential"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 2, at the beginning of line 28, after "17:7(6)(h)," and before "renew," delete "the state board shall not" and insert "neither the board nor the department shall"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 2, at the end of line 28, after "modify" delete the remainder of the line and on page 3, at the beginning of line 1, delete "a certification or a" and insert "an educator credential or"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 3, delete lines 4 through 6 and insert the following:

"Section 3.  R.S. 15:587.1(A)(2) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
Section 4. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act supercede the provisions of Section 1 of Act No. 154 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature that enacted R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(j)(ii) and 587.1(B)(1)(c).
Section 5.(A) The provisions of this Section and Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2022; however, the provisions of R.S. 17:15(C)(1) requiring a criminal history record check for applicants for an educator credential or teaching authorization shall not be implemented until June 1, 2023.
(B) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the date that R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(j)(ii) and 587.1(B)(1)(c) as enacted by Section 2.(B) of Act No. 154 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature would have become effective."

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