

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 352

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Provides relative to background checks for certain early childhood workers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:8.9(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:8.9(A)(6), relative to criminal
3 background checks for certification and authorization to teach; to provide for
4 exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:8.9(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:8.9(A)(6)
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §8.9. Criminal history reviews for certification, teaching permits, or teacher
9 authorizations; state repository

10 A.(1) ~~Beginning January 1, 2025, any~~ Any applicant for an initial educator
11 credential or teaching authorization issued by the State Board of Elementary and
12 Secondary Education through the state Department of Education shall undergo a
13 criminal history record check as provided in this Section.

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15 (6) An early childhood ancillary certificate as provided for in rules and
16 regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
17 through the Administrative Procedure Act shall not be considered an educator
18 credential or teaching authorization requiring a criminal history record check as
19 provided for in this Section. An applicant for issuance or renewal of such certificate

