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HOUSE BILL NO. 352

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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

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

may request such check if his certificate was previously denied, suspended, or
revoked.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

8 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

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Abstract: Provides exception for second criminal history check for certain early childhood workers.

Present law requires criminal history checks for both employment and certification purposes.

<u>Proposed law</u> excepts certain early childhood workers from the criminal history check for certification purposes, but not for employment purposes.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:8.9(A)(1); Adds R.S. 17:8.9(A)(6))