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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:474(B)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and R.S. 46:51.2 (A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and to enact R.S. 36:474(A)(10), relative to employees of the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for hiring requirements; to require a criminal background check; to require review of the central registry; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:474(B)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 36:474(A)(10) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§474. Powers and duties of the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services

A. In addition to the functions, powers, and duties otherwise vested in the secretary by law, he shall:

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(10) Conduct a criminal background check and a search of the state central registry of substantiated abuse or neglect reports for all employees and prospective employees of the department in accordance with R.S. 46:51.2.

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B. The secretary shall have authority to:

(1)(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in R.S. 36:801 ~~and 802-9~~:

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