

SENATE, No. 2172

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator PALAIA

1 AN ACT concerning criminal history record checks and amending
2 P.L.1986, c.116.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1986, c.116 (C.18A:6-7.2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 2. An applicant for employment or service in any of the positions
10 covered by this act shall submit to the Commissioner of Education his
11 or her name, address and fingerprints taken on standard fingerprint
12 cards by a State or municipal law enforcement agency. The
13 Commissioner of Education is hereby authorized to exchange
14 fingerprint data with and receive criminal history record information
15 from the federal Bureau of Investigation and the Division of State
16 Police for use in making the determinations required by this act. No
17 criminal history record check shall be performed pursuant to this act
18 unless the applicant shall have furnished his or her written consent to
19 such a check. The [applicant] employer shall bear the cost for the
20 criminal history record check.

21 The criminal history record check shall be completed no later than
22 three months following the submission of the name, address and
23 fingerprints of the applicant to the commissioner.

24 (cf: P.L.1986, c.116, s.2)

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill mandates that criminal history record checks which are
32 required of applicants for positions in schools or facilities under the
33 supervision of the Department of Education and boards of education
34 must be completed no later than three months following submission of

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 the name, address and fingerprints of the applicant to the
2 Commissioner of Education. The bill also requires the cost of the
3 record check to be paid by the employer rather than the applicant.

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8 Requires criminal history record checks of education employees to be
9 completed in three months with costs paid by employer.