

SENATE BILL No. 363

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-13-3; IC 25-1-1.1; IC 35-38-1-9.

Synopsis: Criminal background checks of health professionals. Authorizes the state police department (department) to use the fingerprints of an individual in a request related to an individual applying for or renewing certain health professional licenses or certificates. Adds \$6 to the fee to be collected by the department in conducting a criminal background check and deposited into a created fingerprint identification fund. Continually appropriates money in the fingerprint identification fund. Requires the department to permanently retain the applicant's fingerprints and store the fingerprints separately from fingerprints collected for the state central repository for criminal data. Requires applicants for certain licensed health professions to submit to a national criminal history background check. Requires the department to release the results of the national criminal history background check to the Indiana professional licensing agency (agency). Authorizes the agency or a licensing board to suspend, deny, or revoke a license if the applicant or license holder has been convicted of specified offenses. Requires the department and the agency to enter into a memorandum of understanding to provide data exchange and data matching regarding licensees who are charged with or convicted of an offense. Requires the personal information data exchanged to be kept confidential.

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January 11, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-13-3-28 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 28. **(a)** On request of
 3 an individual who has applied for employment with a noncriminal
 4 justice organization or individual, the Indiana central repository for
 5 criminal history information shall process a request for a ~~limited~~
 6 criminal history check of the individual making the request from the
 7 Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center
 8 upon:
 9 (1) the submission of fingerprints of the individual making the
 10 request; and
 11 (2) the payment of:
 12 (A) a fifteen dollar (\$15) fee; and
 13 (B) a six dollar (\$6) fee to be deposited into the fingerprint
 14 identification fund established under this section.
 15 **(b)** The fingerprint identification fund is established for the
 16 purpose of maintaining and updating the department's Automated
 17 Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The fund shall be



1 **administered by the department. The expenses of administering the**
2 **fund shall be paid from money in the fund.**

3 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the**
4 **fingerprint identification fund not currently needed to meet the**
5 **obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money**
6 **may be invested. Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year**
7 **does not revert to the state general fund. Money in the fingerprint**
8 **identification fund is continually appropriated.**

9 SECTION 2. IC 10-13-3-37, AS AMENDED BY P.L.200-2007,
10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 37. (a) Under Public Law 92-544 (86 Stat. 1115),
12 a local law enforcement agency may use fingerprints submitted for the
13 purpose of identification in a request related to the following:

- 14 (1) A taxicab driver's license application.
- 15 (2) Reinstatement or renewal of a taxicab driver's license.

16 (b) An applicant shall submit the fingerprints on forms provided for
17 the license application.

18 (c) The local law enforcement agency shall charge each applicant
19 the fees set by the department and federal authorities to defray the costs
20 associated with a search for and classification of the applicant's
21 fingerprints.

22 (d) The local law enforcement agency may:

- 23 (1) forward for processing to the Federal Bureau of Investigation
24 or any other agency fingerprints submitted by a license applicant;
25 and
- 26 (2) receive the results of all fingerprint investigations.

27 **(e) The department:**

- 28 **(1) may permanently retain an applicant's fingerprints**
29 **submitted under this section; and**
- 30 **(2) shall retain the applicant's fingerprints separately from**
31 **fingerprints collected under section 24 of this chapter.**

32 SECTION 3. IC 10-13-3-38.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010,
33 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
34 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 38.5. (a) Under federal P.L.92-544 (86 Stat.
35 1115), the department may use an individual's fingerprints submitted
36 by the individual for the following purposes:

- 37 (1) Determining the individual's suitability for employment with
38 the state, or as an employee of a contractor of the state, in a
39 position:
 - 40 (A) that has a job description that includes contact with, care
41 of, or supervision over a person less than eighteen (18) years
42 of age;

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- 1 (B) that has a job description that includes contact with, care
 2 of, or supervision over an endangered adult (as defined in
 3 IC 12-10-3-2), except the individual is not required to meet the
 4 standard for harmed or threatened with harm set forth in
 5 IC 12-10-3-2(a)(3);
 6 (C) at a state institution managed by the office of the secretary
 7 of family and social services or state department of health;
 8 (D) at the Indiana School for the Deaf established by
 9 IC 20-22-2-1;
 10 (E) at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 11 established by IC 20-21-2-1;
 12 (F) at a juvenile detention facility;
 13 (G) with the Indiana gaming commission under IC 4-33-3-16;
 14 (H) with the department of financial institutions under
 15 IC 28-11-2-3; or
 16 (I) that has a job description that includes access to or
 17 supervision over state financial or personnel data, including
 18 state warrants, banking codes, or payroll information
 19 pertaining to state employees.
- 20 (2) Identification in a request related to an application for a
 21 teacher's license submitted to the department of education
 22 established by IC 20-19-3-1.
- 23 (3) Use by the gaming commission established under IC 4-33-3-1
 24 for licensure of a promoter (as defined in IC 4-33-22-6) under
 25 IC 4-33-22.
- 26 (4) Use by the Indiana board of pharmacy in determining the
 27 individual's suitability for a position or employment with a
 28 wholesale drug distributor, as specified in IC 25-26-14-16(b),
 29 IC 25-26-14-16.5(b), IC 25-26-14-17.8(c), and IC 25-26-14-20.
- 30 **(5) Identification in a request related to an individual**
 31 **applying for or renewing a license or certificate described in**
 32 **IC 25-1-1.1-4 and a conviction described in IC 25-1-1.1-2 or**
 33 **IC 25-1-1.1-3.**
- 34 An applicant shall submit the fingerprints in an appropriate format or
 35 on forms provided for the employment, ~~or~~ license, **or certificate**
 36 application. The department shall charge each applicant the fee
 37 established under section 28 of this chapter and by federal authorities
 38 to defray the costs associated with a search for and classification of the
 39 applicant's fingerprints. The department may forward fingerprints
 40 submitted by an applicant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any
 41 other agency for processing. The state personnel department, **the**
 42 **Indiana professional licensing agency**, or the agency to which the

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1 applicant is applying for employment or a license may receive the
2 results of all fingerprint investigations.

3 (b) An applicant who is an employee of the state may not be charged
4 under subsection (a).

5 (c) Subsection (a)(1) does not apply to an employee of a contractor
6 of the state if the contract involves the construction or repair of a
7 capital project or other public works project of the state.

8 **(d) The department:**
9 **(1) may permanently retain an applicant's fingerprints**
10 **submitted under this section; and**
11 **(2) shall retain the applicant's fingerprints separately from**
12 **fingerprints collected under section 24 of this chapter.**

13 SECTION 4. IC 10-13-3-39, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,
14 SECTION 85, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 39. (a) The department is designated as the
16 authorized agency to receive requests for, process, and disseminate the
17 results of national criminal history background checks that comply with
18 this section and 42 U.S.C. 5119a.

19 (b) A qualified entity may contact the department to request a
20 national criminal history background check on any of the following
21 persons:

22 (1) A person who seeks to be or is employed with the qualified
23 entity. A request under this subdivision must be made not later
24 than three (3) months after the person is initially employed by the
25 qualified entity.

26 (2) A person who seeks to volunteer or is a volunteer with the
27 qualified entity. A request under this subdivision must be made
28 not later than three (3) months after the person initially volunteers
29 with the qualified entity.

30 (3) A person for whom a national criminal history background
31 check is required under any law relating to the licensing of a
32 home, center, or other facility for purposes of day care or
33 residential care of children.

34 (4) A person for whom a national criminal history background
35 check is required for purposes of placement of a child in a foster
36 family home, a prospective adoptive home, or the home of a
37 relative or other caretaker, or for purposes of a report concerning
38 an adoption as required by IC 31-19-8.

39 (c) A qualified entity must submit a request under subsection (b) in
40 the form required by the department and provide a set of the person's
41 fingerprints and any required fees with the request.

42 (d) If a qualified entity makes a request in conformity with

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1 subsection (b), the department shall submit the set of fingerprints
 2 provided with the request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a
 3 national criminal history background check. The department shall
 4 respond to the request in conformity with:

- 5 (1) the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 5119a; and
- 6 (2) the regulations prescribed by the Attorney General of the
 7 United States under 42 U.S.C. 5119a.

8 (e) Subsection (f):

9 (1) applies to a qualified entity that:

10 (A) is not a school corporation or a special education
 11 cooperative; or

12 (B) is a school corporation or a special education cooperative
 13 and seeks a national criminal history background check for a
 14 volunteer; and

15 (2) does not apply to a qualified entity that is a:

16 (A) home health agency licensed under IC 16-27-1; or

17 (B) personal services agency licensed under IC 16-27-4.

18 (f) After receiving the results of a national criminal history
 19 background check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the
 20 department shall make a determination whether the person who is the
 21 subject of a request has been convicted of:

22 (1) an offense described in IC 20-26-5-11;

23 (2) in the case of a foster family home, an offense described in
 24 IC 31-27-4-13(a);

25 (3) in the case of a prospective adoptive home, an offense
 26 described in IC 31-19-11-1(c);

27 (4) any other felony; or

28 (5) any misdemeanor;

29 and convey the determination to the requesting qualified entity.

30 (g) This subsection applies to a qualified entity that:

31 (1) is a school corporation or a special education cooperative; and

32 (2) seeks a national criminal history background check to
 33 determine whether to employ or continue the employment of a
 34 certificated employee or a noncertificated employee of a school
 35 corporation or an equivalent position with a special education
 36 cooperative.

37 After receiving the results of a national criminal history background
 38 check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department may
 39 exchange identification records concerning convictions for offenses
 40 described in IC 20-26-5-11 with the school corporation or special
 41 education cooperative solely for purposes of making an employment
 42 determination. The exchange may be made only for the official use of

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1 the officials with authority to make the employment determination. The
2 exchange is subject to the restrictions on dissemination imposed under
3 P.L.92-544, (86 Stat. 1115) (1972).

4 (h) This subsection applies to a qualified entity (as defined in
5 IC 10-13-3-16) that is a public agency under IC 5-14-1.5-2(a)(1). After
6 receiving the results of a national criminal history background check
7 from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall provide
8 a copy to the public agency. Except as permitted by federal law, the
9 public agency may not share the information contained in the national
10 criminal history background check with a private agency.

11 (i) This subsection applies to a qualified entity that is a:

- 12 (1) home health agency licensed under IC 16-27-1; or
- 13 (2) personal services agency licensed under IC 16-27-4.

14 After receiving the results of a national criminal history background
15 check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall
16 make a determination whether the applicant has been convicted of an
17 offense described in IC 16-27-2-5(a) and convey the determination to
18 the requesting qualified entity.

19 **(j) The department:**

- 20 **(1) may permanently retain an applicant's fingerprints**
- 21 **submitted under this section; and**
- 22 **(2) shall retain the applicant's fingerprints separately from**
- 23 **fingerprints collected under section 24 of this chapter.**

24 SECTION 5. IC 25-1-1.1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. Except as provided
26 under sections 2 through ~~3~~ 5 of this chapter, a license or certificate of
27 registration that an individual is required by law to hold to engage in
28 a business, profession, or occupation may not be denied, revoked, or
29 suspended because the applicant or holder has been convicted of an
30 offense. The acts from which the applicant's or holder's conviction
31 resulted may, however, be considered as to whether the applicant or
32 holder should be entrusted to serve the public in a specific capacity.

33 SECTION 6. IC 25-1-1.1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.151-2006,
34 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
35 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 2. **Notwithstanding IC 25-1-7, the Indiana**
36 **professional licensing agency, or** a board, a commission, or a
37 committee may suspend, **deny,** or revoke a license or certificate issued
38 under this title by the board, the commission, or the committee **without**
39 **an investigation by the office of the attorney general** if the
40 individual who holds the license or certificate is convicted of any of the
41 following:

- 42 (1) Possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug under IC 35-48-4-6.

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- 1 (2) Possession of methamphetamine under IC 35-48-4-6.1.
 2 (3) Possession of a controlled substance under IC 35-48-4-7(a).
 3 (4) Fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance under
 4 IC 35-48-4-7(b).
 5 (5) Manufacture of paraphernalia as a Class D felony under
 6 IC 35-48-4-8.1(b).
 7 (6) Dealing in paraphernalia as a Class D felony under
 8 IC 35-48-4-8.5(b).
 9 (7) Possession of paraphernalia as a Class D felony under
 10 IC 35-48-4-8.3(b).
 11 (8) Possession of marijuana, hash oil, or hashish as a Class D
 12 felony under IC 35-48-4-11.
 13 (9) Maintaining a common nuisance under IC 35-48-4-13.
 14 (10) An offense relating to registration, labeling, and prescription
 15 forms under IC 35-48-4-14.
 16 (11) Conspiracy under IC 35-41-5-2 to commit an offense listed
 17 in subdivisions (1) through (10).
 18 (12) Attempt under IC 35-41-5-1 to commit an offense listed in
 19 subdivisions (1) through (10).
 20 (13) An offense in any other jurisdiction in which the elements of
 21 the offense for which the conviction was entered are substantially
 22 similar to the elements of an offense described under subdivisions
 23 (1) through (12).
 24 **(14) Operating a vehicle while intoxicated under IC 9-30-5.**
 25 **(15) A sex crime under IC 35-42-4.**
 26 **(16) A felony that reflects adversely on the individual's fitness**
 27 **to hold a professional license.**
 28 **(17) A misdemeanor that reflects adversely on the individual's**
 29 **fitness to hold a professional license.**
 30 **(18) An offense in any other jurisdiction in which the elements**
 31 **of the offense for which the conviction was entered are**
 32 **substantially similar to the elements of an offense described in**
 33 **this section.**

34 SECTION 7. IC 25-1-1.1-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 35 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 36 1, 2011]: **Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to an individual who is**
 37 **applying for, or will be applying for, a license or a certificate under**
 38 **one (1) of the following:**

- 39 (1) **IC 25-2.5 (acupuncturists).**
 40 (2) **IC 25-10 (chiropractors).**
 41 (3) **IC 25-13 (dental hygienists).**
 42 (4) **IC 25-14 (dentists).**

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- 1 (5) IC 25-14.5 (dietitians).
- 2 (6) IC 25-17.3 (genetic counselors).
- 3 (7) IC 25-19 (health facility and residential care facility
- 4 administrators).
- 5 (8) IC 25-21.8 (massage therapists).
- 6 (9) IC 25-22.5 (physicians).
- 7 (10) IC 25-23 (nurses).
- 8 (11) IC 25-23.5 (occupational therapists).
- 9 (12) IC 25-24 (optometrists).
- 10 (13) IC 25-26 (pharmacists).
- 11 (14) IC 25-27 (physical therapists).
- 12 (15) IC 25-27.5 (physician assistants).
- 13 (16) IC 25-29 (podiatrists).
- 14 (17) IC 25-33 (psychologists).
- 15 (18) IC 25-34.5 (respiratory care practitioners).
- 16 (19) IC 25-35.6 (speech pathologists and audiologists).
- 17 (20) IC 25-38.1 (veterinarians).

18 (b) As used in this chapter, "national criminal history
 19 background check" means the criminal history record system
 20 maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation based on
 21 fingerprint identification or any other method of positive
 22 identification.

23 (c) An individual applying for a license or certificate specified
 24 in subsection (a) shall submit to a national criminal history
 25 background check at the cost of the individual.

26 (d) The state police department shall release the results of a
 27 national criminal history background check conducted under this
 28 section to the Indiana professional licensing agency.

29 (e) A board, a commission, or a committee may conduct a
 30 random audit and require an individual seeking a renewal of a
 31 license or a certificate specified in subsection (a) to submit to a
 32 national criminal history background check at the cost of the
 33 individual.

34 SECTION 8. IC 25-1-1.1-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 35 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 36 1, 2011]: Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section, "licensee" refers to an
 37 individual who is licensed or certified in a profession set forth in
 38 section 4 of this chapter.

39 (b) As used in this section, "personal information" means
 40 information that identifies an individual, including the following:

- 41 (1) Photograph.
- 42 (2) Social Security number.

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- 1 **(3) Driver's license number or identification card number.**
- 2 **(4) Name.**
- 3 **(5) Address.**
- 4 **(6) Telephone number.**
- 5 **(7) Fingerprints.**
- 6 **(c) The state police department and the Indiana professional**
- 7 **licensing agency shall enter into a memorandum of understanding**
- 8 **to provide data exchange and data matching regarding licensees**
- 9 **who are charged with or convicted of an offense.**
- 10 **(d) Personal information data exchanged under subsection (c)**
- 11 **shall be kept confidential and may be used only for the purposes of**
- 12 **a government agency, including the following:**
- 13 **(1) A prosecuting attorney.**
- 14 **(2) The Indiana professional licensing agency or a board,**
- 15 **committee, or commission administered by the Indiana**
- 16 **professional licensing agency.**
- 17 **(3) A court.**
- 18 **(4) A law enforcement agency.**
- 19 **(5) The office of the attorney general.**
- 20 SECTION 9. IC 35-38-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 9. (a) As used in this
- 22 chapter, "recommendation" and "victim" have the meanings set out in
- 23 IC 35-35-3-1.
- 24 (b) The presentence investigation consists of the gathering of
- 25 information with respect to:
- 26 (1) the circumstances attending the commission of the offense;
- 27 (2) the convicted person's history of delinquency or criminality,
- 28 social history, employment history, family situation, economic
- 29 status, education, and personal habits; ~~and~~
- 30 (3) the impact of the crime upon the victim; **and**
- 31 **(4) whether the convicted person is licensed or certified in a**
- 32 **profession regulated by IC 25.**
- 33 (c) The presentence investigation may include any matter that the
- 34 probation officer conducting the investigation believes is relevant to
- 35 the question of sentence, and must include:
- 36 (1) any matters the court directs to be included;
- 37 (2) any written statements submitted to the prosecuting attorney
- 38 by a victim under IC 35-35-3;
- 39 (3) any written statements submitted to the probation officer by a
- 40 victim; and
- 41 (4) preparation of the victim impact statement required under
- 42 section 8.5 of this chapter.

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1 (d) If there are no written statements submitted to the probation
2 officer, ~~he~~ **the probation officer** shall certify to the court:
3 (1) that ~~he~~ **the probation officer** has attempted to contact the
4 victim; and
5 (2) that if ~~he~~ **the probation officer** has contacted the victim, ~~he~~
6 **the probation officer** has offered to accept the written statements
7 of the victim or to reduce ~~his~~ **the victim's** oral statements to
8 writing, concerning the sentence, including the acceptance of any
9 recommendation.
10 (e) A presentence investigation report prepared by a probation
11 officer must include the information and comply with any other
12 requirements established in the rules adopted under IC 11-13-1-8.

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