
SENATE BILL 5261

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By Senators Fraser, Deccio and Talmadge

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1 AN ACT Relating to state background checks on persons providing
2 services to physically disabled or mentally impaired persons; amending
3 RCW 43.20A.710; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.20A.710 and 1989 c 334 s 13 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The secretary shall investigate the conviction records, pending
8 charges or disciplinary board final decisions of: (1) Persons being
9 considered for state employment in positions directly responsible for
10 the supervision, care, or treatment of children, mentally ill persons
11 or developmentally disabled persons; and (2) individual providers who
12 are paid by the state and hired by physically disabled or mentally ill
13 or impaired persons. The investigation may include an examination of
14 state and national criminal identification data and the child abuse and
15 neglect register established under chapter 26.44 RCW. The secretary
16 shall provide the results of the state background check on individual
17 providers to the physically disabled or mentally ill or impaired
18 persons who hired them and to their legal guardians, if any. The
19 secretary and clients who employ individual providers shall use the

1 information solely for the purpose of determining the character,
2 suitability, and competence of these applicants. Criminal justice
3 agencies shall provide the secretary such information as they may have
4 and that the secretary may require for such purpose. If necessary,
5 persons may be employed on a conditional basis pending completion of
6 the background investigation.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act applies prospectively only.

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