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Committee Substitute Favorable 6/19/19

Short Title: Authorize LSC/Criminal Record Checks.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION TO OBTAIN
CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS OF ANY PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES,
VOLUNTEERS, OR CONTRACTORS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 120-32 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"§ 120-32. **Commission duties.**

The Legislative Services Commission is authorized to:

...

(2a) Obtain a criminal history record check of a prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor of the General Assembly. The criminal history record check shall be conducted by the State Bureau of Investigation as provided in G.S. 143B-972. The criminal history report shall be provided to the Legislative Services Officer and is not a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

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SECTION 2. Subpart D of Part 4 of Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143B-972. Criminal record checks for the Legislative Services Commission.

The Department of Public Safety may provide to the Legislative Services Officer from the State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories the criminal history of any prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor of the General Assembly. The Legislative Services Officer shall provide to the Department of Public Safety, along with the request, the fingerprints of the prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor, a form signed by the prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor consenting to the criminal record check and use of fingerprints and other identifying information required by the State and National Repositories, and any additional information required by the Department of Public Safety. The fingerprints of the prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor shall be forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation for a search of the State's criminal history record file, and the State Bureau of Investigation shall forward a set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The Legislative Services Officer shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section confidential. The Department of Public Safety may charge a fee to offset the cost incurred by it to conduct a criminal record check under this section. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost of locating, editing, researching, and retrieving the information."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.



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