

# House Bill 2542

Sponsored by Representative KRUMMEL; Representative CAMERON

## SUMMARY

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Requires Department of State Police to reduce fees for criminal offender information check by 25 percent if information is sought about volunteer or prospective volunteer by certain organizations serving youths or elderly persons.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to criminal offender information checks; creating new provisions; and amending ORS  
3 181.556.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 181.556 is amended to read:

6 181.556. (1) When the Department of State Police is asked to provide criminal offender informa-  
7 tion under ORS 181.533 or 181.555 (2), the department shall:

8 (a) Waive any fee otherwise charged by the department for providing the information if:

9 [(a)] (A) The request is made by an organization **that provides mentoring programs or tu-**  
10 **toring programs;** and

11 [(b)] (B) The individual about whom the criminal offender information is sought is a volunteer,  
12 or prospective volunteer, of the organization.

13 (b) **Reduce any fee otherwise charged by the department for providing the information**  
14 **by 25 percent if:**

15 (A) **The request is made by an organization that provides services to youths or elderly**  
16 **persons other than mentoring programs or tutoring programs; and**

17 (B) **The individual about whom the criminal offender information is sought is a volunteer,**  
18 **or prospective volunteer, of the organization.**

19 (2) In addition to waiving any fee otherwise charged by the department, the department may not  
20 charge the [*individual or*] organization **for which a fee is waived under subsection (1)(a) of this**  
21 **section** the fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for conducting nationwide criminal  
22 records checks.

23 (3) As used in this section:

24 (a) "Dependent person" means a person who, because of physical or mental disability, or medical  
25 disability due to alcohol or drug dependence, needs mentoring or tutoring programs.

26 (b) "Elderly person" means a person 65 years of age or older.

27 (c) "Mentoring program" means a program that provides a committed, sustained, one-to-one re-  
28 lationship between a volunteer and a youth, dependent person or elderly person that allows the  
29 youth, dependent person or elderly person to achieve that person's greatest potential. A sustained  
30 relationship typically lasts nine months or longer.

31 (d) "Organization" means a qualified entity that[:]

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 [(A)] is exempt from taxation under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended and  
2 in effect on January 1, 2002[; and]

3 [(B) *Provides mentoring programs or tutoring programs*].

4 (e) "Qualified entity" has the meaning given that term in ORS 181.533.

5 (f) "Tutoring program" means a program that provides a committed, sustained, one-to-one re-  
6 lationship between a volunteer and a youth, dependent person or elderly person based upon a spec-  
7 ified activity that increases specific skills of the youth, dependent person or elderly person. A  
8 sustained relationship typically lasts nine months or longer.

9 (g) "Youth" means a person who has not attained 18 years of age.

10 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 181.556 by section 1 of this 2007 Act apply to re-**  
11 **quests for criminal offender information made on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.**

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