

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Smith, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/21, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Administrative Services to adopt rules specifying categories of individuals subject to criminal records checks, information to be required of each category to permit check, types of crimes to be considered for each category and when nationwide, fingerprint-based check must be conducted. Specifies certain categories in which to group individuals. Allows agencies making a fitness determination on individual in category established by Department rule to request previous fitness determination from other authorized agency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenges associated with current, decentralized system
- Professions requiring criminal records checks
- Work group recommendations

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2012, the Legislative Assembly directed the Department of Administrative Services to convene a work group to make recommendations for performing criminal records checks (House Bill 4091). The report of the work group contains seven recommendations for further action, including standardizing criteria for fitness determinations within clusters of similar organizations.

House Bill 3168 requires the Department of Administrative Services to adopt administrative rules specifying categories of individuals subject to background checks and establishing other requirements relating to such checks. The bill also allows agencies that make fitness determinations based on criminal records checks to share previously conducted fitness determinations with other authorized agencies.