

HB 2992 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires each school district board and public charter school governing body to create policy requiring criminal records checks of volunteers with direct and unsupervised contact with students. Allows private school governing bodies to adopt such a policy. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die, but measure's provisions are operative on January 1, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reason for the -1 amendment
- Purpose of bill

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Applies background check provision to schools that are allowing volunteers to have direct and unsupervised contact with school children.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Indeterminate fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

Currently, a school district, private school or public charter school may conduct a criminal record check on a volunteer, if the volunteer consents, using the Law Enforcement Data System. House Bill 2992 requires that each school district board and public charter school governing body develop a policy that requires this criminal record check for volunteers who will have direct and unsupervised contact with school children. It also allows the governing body of a private school to adopt this same policy. HB 2992 is operative on January 1, 2018. However, HB 2992 allows a school district board, public charter school governing body or private school governing body to take necessary action prior to that date.