

HB 2992 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/10/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Barker, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sanchez, Stark, Vial, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires each school district board and public charter school governing body that allows volunteers to have direct and unsupervised contact with students to create policy requiring criminal records check of those volunteers. 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:

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

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-A requires that each school district board and public charter school governing body that allows volunteers to have direct and unsupervised contact with school children develop a policy that requires this criminal record check. It also allows the governing body of a private school to adopt this same policy. HB 2992-A is operative on January 1, 2018. However, HB 2992-A allows a school district board, public charter school governing body or private school governing body to take necessary action prior to that date.