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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Introduced By: Representatives Carnevale, Kilmartin, Almeida, Gablinske, and Hearn

Date Introduced: February 25, 2010

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-72 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Children,
2 Youth, and Families" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 **40-13.2-9. Criminal records check – Employee of the department of children, youth**
4 **and families. -- (a) Any person seeking temporary or permanent employment with the**
5 **department of children, youth and families shall apply to the bureau of criminal identification of**
6 **the department of attorney general, the state police, the local police department or the department**
7 **of children, youth and families for a bureau of criminal identification check and a nationwide**
8 **criminal records check. Additionally, any volunteer, intern or consultant of the department of**
9 **children, youth and families whose duties involve supervisory or disciplinary power over a child**
10 **or children or involve routine contact with a child or children without the presence of other**
11 **employees, shall apply to the bureau of criminal identification of the state police, the local police**
12 **department or the department of children, youth and families for a bureau of criminal**
13 **identification check and a nationwide criminal records check. The nationwide check shall**
14 **conform to applicable federal standards including the taking of fingerprints to identify the**
15 **applicant. The department of the attorney general, the state police, or the local police department**
16 **shall inform the department of children, youth and families as to whether there exists**
17 **disqualifying information on the applicant, and the department of children, youth and families**
18 **shall inform the applicant of the existence of disqualifying information.**

1 (b) The cost of criminal records checks required by this section for individuals seeking
2 employment with the department of children, youth and families and who are not currently
3 employed by the State of Rhode Island shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The cost of
4 criminal records checks required by this section for the consultants shall be the responsibility of
5 the consultant.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would amend the requirements for the criminal background checks to require
2 criminal background check which include fingerprints for individuals seeking employment with
3 or seeking to serve as volunteers and interns with the department of children, youth and families.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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