

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1180**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3285**

**By Tracy, Black**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 3614**

**By Maddox**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5610, relative to authorization for criminal history records checks performed on students entering a teacher training program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5610, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 49-5-5610.

(a) All students wishing to enter approved teacher training programs shall be required to:

(1) Supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and

(2) Agree that the TBI may send to the teacher training program information indicating the results of the criminal history records check. The results will indicate whether the applicant has a criminal conviction that would result in automatic revocation of a teacher's license pursuant to this chapter and under Tennessee rules of the State Board of Education.

(b) Any reasonable costs incurred by the TBI, FBI or both in conducting an investigation of an applicant shall be paid by the applicant. In lieu of additional criminal history records checks for subsequent applications to the selected teacher training program, the applicant may submit copies of the applicant's initial criminal history records check documentation and shall not be required to pay any additional costs.

(c) The criminal history records check performed pursuant to this section shall meet all requirements for criminal history records checks related to observations or teaching as part of the teacher training program.

(d) Any criminal history records check performed pursuant to this section shall not be submitted and used for the criminal history records check required under § 49-5-413 for employment by an LEA or child care program as defined in § 49-1-1102.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 2, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 21, 2008**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 19th day of June 2008**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR