

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0175

Criminal history for volunteers in K-12 public schools.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Northrup, Berger, Brown, Ottman and Sommers and Senator(s) Baldwin, Barlow, Ellis and Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to criminal history records for volunteers
2 in K-12 public schools; authorizing school districts to
3 request fingerprints to obtain criminal histories for
4 volunteers as specified; authorizing school districts to
5 receive criminal histories for volunteers as specified; and
6 providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-19-106(a)(xxvi), 7-19-201(a)(iii)
11 and 21-3-111(a)(xxi) are amended to read:

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13 **7-19-106. Access to, and dissemination of,**
14 **information.**

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1 (a) Criminal history record information shall be
2 disseminated by criminal justice agencies in this state,
3 whether directly or through any intermediary, only to:

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5 (xxvi) The Wyoming professional teaching
6 standards board for purposes of obtaining background
7 information on applications for certification and if
8 requested by a school district, to school district boards
9 of trustees for obtaining background information on
10 employees who may have access to minors in the course of
11 employment and any volunteer who may have regular contact
12 with or unsupervised access to minors in the course of
13 volunteering for a school district;

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15 **7-19-201. State or national criminal history record**
16 **information.**

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18 (a) The following persons shall be required to submit
19 to fingerprinting in order to obtain state and national
20 criminal history record information:

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22 (iii) Applicants for initial certification by
23 the professional teaching standards board and employees

1 initially hired by a school district on or after July 1,
2 1996, who may have access to minors in the course of their
3 employment. In accordance with W.S. 21-3-111(a)(xxi),
4 employees of a school district who meet the qualifications
5 of this paragraph and volunteers who may have regular
6 contact with or unsupervised access to minors in the course
7 of volunteering for a school district shall also be
8 required to submit to fingerprinting for purposes of this
9 subsection upon request of, and payment of applicable fees
10 by, the ~~employing~~-school district;

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12 **21-3-111. Powers of boards of trustees.**

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14 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
15 within the state may:

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17 (xxi) Request the fingerprints of any employee
18 initially hired by a school district on or after July 1,
19 1996, who may have access to minors in the course of the
20 employee's employment, or any volunteer who may have
21 regular contact with or unsupervised access to minors in
22 the course of volunteering for a school district, as
23 provided by W.S. 7-19-106(a)(xxvi) and 7-19-201(a)(iii).

1 The school district shall pay for the costs associated with
2 the request;

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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