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***AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOLS AND CRIMINAL CONVICTION
RECORDS AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 4d-80 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its
4 members. Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, and within available
5 appropriations, the commission may appoint an executive director and
6 such other employees as may be necessary for the discharge of the
7 duties of the commission. Notwithstanding any provision of the
8 general statutes, the executive director shall have the option to elect
9 participation in the State Employees Retirement System, the alternate
10 retirement program established for eligible employees in higher
11 education or the Teacher Retirement System.

12 Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 4d-80 of the
13 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
14 thereof:

15 (2) Develop, oversee and direct the attainment of state-wide
16 technology goals including:

17 (A) Connecting all institutions of higher education, libraries, public
18 elementary and secondary schools, regional educational service centers
19 and other parties through a state-wide high speed, flexible network
20 that will allow for video, voice and data transmission.

21 (B) Wiring all school classrooms and connecting them to the Internet
22 and to the state-wide high speed network through wired, wireless, or
23 any other digital transmission technology providing high speed
24 connectivity.

25 (C) Providing access for all public schools, public libraries and
26 libraries at institutions of higher education to a core set of on-line full
27 text resources and to the ability to purchase collaboratively for other
28 collections in order to maximize buying power.

29 (D) Ensuring, in cooperation with the State Board of Education,
30 competency in computing skills by the sixth grade for all students.

31 (E) Ensuring competency in specific computing skills and the
32 integration of technology into the curriculum for all public school
33 teachers.

34 (F) Ensuring that institutions of higher education offer a wide range
35 of course and degree programs via the Internet and through other
36 synchronous and asynchronous methods.

37 Sec. 3. Subdivision (1) of subsection (l) of section 10-145b of the
38 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
39 thereof:

40 (l) (1) For certified employees of local and regional boards of
41 education, except as provided in this subdivision, each professional
42 educator certificate shall be valid for five years and continued every
43 five years thereafter upon the successful completion of professional

44 development activities which shall consist of not less than ninety hours
45 of continuing education, as determined by the local or regional board
46 of education in accordance with this section, during each successive
47 five-year period. (A) Such continuing education completed by certified
48 employees with an early childhood nursery through grade three or an
49 elementary endorsement who hold a position requiring such an
50 endorsement shall include at least fifteen hours of training in the
51 teaching of reading and reading readiness and assessment of reading
52 performance, including methods of teaching language skills necessary
53 for reading, reading comprehension skills, phonics and the structure of
54 the English language during each five-year period. (B) Such continuing
55 education requirement completed by certified employees with
56 elementary, [or] middle grades or secondary academic endorsements
57 who hold a position requiring such an endorsement shall include at
58 least fifteen hours of training in the use of computers in the classroom
59 during each five-year period unless such employees are able to
60 demonstrate technology competency, in a manner determined by their
61 local or regional board of education, based on state-wide standards for
62 teacher competency in the use of technology for instructional purposes
63 adopted pursuant to section 4d-85. (C) Such continuing education
64 completed by (i) the superintendent of schools, and (ii) employees
65 employed in positions requiring an intermediate administrator or
66 supervisory certificate, or the equivalent thereof, and whose
67 administrative or supervisory duties equal at least fifty per cent of the
68 assigned time of such employee, shall include at least fifteen hours of
69 training in the evaluation of teachers pursuant to section 10-151b
70 during each five-year period. (D) In the case of certified employees
71 with a bilingual education endorsement who hold positions requiring
72 such an endorsement (i) in an elementary school and who do not hold
73 an endorsement in elementary education, such continuing education
74 taken on or after July 1, 1999, shall only count toward the ninety-hour
75 requirement if it is in language arts, reading and mathematics, and (ii)
76 in a middle or secondary school and who do not hold an endorsement
77 in the subject area they teach, such continuing education taken on or

78 after July 1, 1999, shall only count toward the ninety-hour requirement
79 if it is in such subject area or areas. During each five-year period in
80 which a professional educator certificate is valid, a holder of such
81 certificate who has not completed the ninety hours of continuing
82 education required pursuant to this subdivision, and who has not been
83 employed while holding such certificate by a local or regional board of
84 education for all or part of the five-year period, shall, upon
85 application, be reissued such certificate for five years minus any period
86 of time such holder was employed while holding such certificate by a
87 local or regional board of education, provided there shall be only one
88 such reissuance during each five-year period in which such certificate
89 is valid. A certified employee of a local or regional board of education
90 who is a member of the General Assembly and who has not completed
91 the ninety hours of continuing education required pursuant to this
92 subdivision for continuation of [his] a certificate, upon application,
93 shall be reissued a professional educator certificate for a period of time
94 equal to six months for each year [he] the employee served in the
95 General Assembly during the previous five years. Continuing
96 education hours completed during the previous five years shall be
97 applied toward such ninety-hour requirement which shall be
98 completed during the reissuance period in order for such employee to
99 be eligible to have [his] a certificate continued. The cost of the
100 professional development activities required under this subsection for
101 certified employees of local or regional boards of education shall be
102 shared by the state and local or regional boards of education, except
103 for those activities identified by the State Board of Education as the
104 responsibility of the certificate holder. Each local and regional board of
105 education shall make available, annually, at no cost to its certified
106 employees not fewer than eighteen hours of professional development
107 activities for continuing education credit. Such activities may be made
108 available by a board of education directly, through a regional
109 educational service center or cooperative arrangement with another
110 board of education or through arrangements with any continuing
111 education provider approved by the State Board of Education. Local

112 and regional boards of education shall grant continuing education
113 credit for professional development activities which the certified
114 employees of the board of education are required to attend,
115 professional development activities offered in accordance with the
116 plan developed pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-220a, or
117 professional development activities which the board may approve for
118 any individual certified employee. Each board of education shall
119 determine the specific professional development activities to be made
120 available with the advice and assistance of the teachers employed by
121 such board, including representatives of the exclusive bargaining unit
122 for such teachers pursuant to section 10-153b. The time and location for
123 the provision of such activities shall be in accordance with either an
124 agreement between the board of education and the exclusive
125 bargaining unit pursuant to said section 10-153b or, in the absence of
126 such agreement or to the extent such agreement does not provide for
127 the time and location of all such activities, in accordance with a
128 determination by the board of education.

129 Sec. 4. Subsection (m) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is
130 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

131 (m) (1) The State Board of Education may revoke any certificate,
132 authorization or permit issued pursuant to sections 10-144o to 10-149,
133 inclusive, for any of the following reasons: [(1)] (A) The holder of the
134 certificate, authorization or permit obtained such certificate,
135 authorization or permit through fraud or misrepresentation of a
136 material fact; [(2)] (B) the holder has persistently neglected to perform
137 the duties for which [certification] the certificate, authorization or
138 permit was granted; [(3)] (C) the holder is professionally unfit to
139 perform the duties for which [certification] the certificate,
140 authorization or permit was granted; [(4)] (D) the holder is convicted
141 in a court of law of a crime involving moral turpitude or of any other
142 crime of such nature that in the opinion of the board continued
143 [certification] holding of a certificate, authorization or permit by the
144 person would impair the standing of certificates, authorizations or

145 permits issued by the board; or [(5)] (E) other due and sufficient cause.
146 The State Board of Education shall revoke any certificate, authorization
147 or permit issued pursuant to said sections if the holder is found to
148 have intentionally disclosed specific questions or answers to students
149 or otherwise improperly breached the security of any administration of
150 a state-wide examination pursuant to section 10-14n. In any revocation
151 proceeding pursuant to this section, the State Board of Education shall
152 have the burden of establishing the reason for such revocation by a
153 preponderance of the evidence. Revocation shall be in accordance with
154 procedures established by the State Board of Education pursuant to
155 chapter 54.

156 (2) When the Commissioner of Education is notified pursuant to
157 section 17a-101i or subsection (q) of this section that a person holding a
158 certificate, authorization or permit issued by the State Board of
159 Education under the provisions of sections 10-144o to 10-149, inclusive,
160 has been convicted of [a crime involving an act of child abuse or a
161 violation of section 53a-71 or section 53a-73a] (A) a capital felony,
162 pursuant to section 53a-54b, (B) arson murder, pursuant to section 53a-
163 54d, (C) a class A felony, (D) a class B felony, except a violation of
164 section 53a-122, 53a-252 or 53a-291, or (E) a violation of section 53-21,
165 53-37a, 53a-60b, 53a-60c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b, 53a-73a, 53a-88, 53a-
166 99, 53a-103a, 53a-181c, 53a-191, 53a-196, 53a-196c, 53a-216, 53a-217b or
167 21a-278 or subsection (a) of section 21a-277, any certificate, permit or
168 authorization issued by the State Board of Education and held by such
169 person shall be deemed revoked and the commissioner shall notify
170 such person of such revocation, provided such person may request
171 reconsideration pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board of
172 Education, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

173 (3) The State Board of Education may deny an application for
174 [certification] a certificate, authorization or permit for any of the
175 following reasons: (A) The applicant seeks to obtain a certificate,
176 authorization or permit through fraud or misrepresentation of a
177 material fact; (B) the applicant has been convicted in a court of law of a

178 crime involving moral turpitude or of any other crime of such nature
179 that in the opinion of the board issuance of a certificate, authorization
180 or permit would impair the standing of certificates, authorizations or
181 permits issued by the board; or (C) other due and sufficient cause. Any
182 applicant denied a certificate, authorization or permit shall be notified
183 in writing of the reasons for denial. Any applicant denied a certificate,
184 authorization or permit may request a review of such denial by the
185 State Board of Education.

186 Sec. 5. Section 10-145b of the general statutes is amended by adding
187 subsection (q) as follows:

188 (NEW) (q) If a person holding a certificate, authorization or permit
189 issued by the State Board of Education under the provisions of sections
190 10-144o to 10-149, inclusive, is convicted of a felony or a class A
191 misdemeanor, the state's attorney for the judicial district in which the
192 conviction occurred shall notify, in writing, the Commissioner of
193 Education of such conviction.

194 Sec. 6. Section 10-145d of the general statutes is repealed and the
195 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

196 (a) The State Board of Education shall, pursuant to chapter 54, adopt
197 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of
198 sections 10-144o, 10-145a to 10-145d, inclusive, 10-145f and 10-146b.
199 Such regulations shall provide for (1) the establishment of an appeal
200 panel to review any decision to deny the issuance of a certificate
201 authorized under said section 10-145b; (2) the establishment of
202 requirements for subject area endorsements; (3) the extension of the
203 time to complete requirements for certificates under said section 10-
204 145b; (4) the establishment of requirements for administrator and
205 supervisor certificates; (5) the composition of, and the procedures to be
206 utilized by, the assessment teams in implementing the beginning
207 educator program; (6) procedures and criteria for issuing certificates to
208 persons whose certificates have lapsed or persons with non-public-
209 school or out-of-state teaching experience; (7) the criteria for defining a

210 major course of study; (8) a requirement that on and after July 1, 1993,
211 in order to be eligible to obtain an initial educator certificate with an
212 elementary endorsement, each person be required to complete a
213 survey course in United States history comprised of not fewer than
214 three semester hours; and (9) a requirement that on and after July 1,
215 2003, in order to be eligible to obtain an initial educator certificate with
216 an early childhood nursery through grade three or an elementary
217 endorsement, each person be required to complete a comprehensive
218 reading instruction course comprised of not less than six semester
219 hours. Such regulations may provide for exceptions to accommodate
220 specific certification endorsement areas.

221 (b) The State Board of Education shall, pursuant to chapter 54, adopt
222 regulations to provide standards for the certification of school business
223 administrators. Such regulations shall make provision for certification
224 requirements to be met by either (1) completion of prescribed courses
225 of study, or (2) such other experience as the state board shall deem
226 appropriate for the position of school business administrator. Any
227 person serving in the position of school business administrator on July
228 1, 1983, shall be considered as having met all requirements for
229 certification. The regulations shall also contain standards to certify
230 individuals who hold certification from a state other than Connecticut.

231 (c) Any individual certified as a school business administrator after
232 July 1, 1983, pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board of
233 Education in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this
234 section shall not be deemed to be eligible for membership in the
235 teachers' retirement system solely by reason of such certification,
236 provided any such individual who holds a regular teacher's certificate
237 issued by the State Board of Education shall not be excluded from
238 membership in said system.

239 (d) Any individual certified as a school business administrator
240 pursuant to regulations adopted by the state board in accordance with
241 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, shall not be deemed to

242 be included in the definition of "teacher" in subdivision (2) of
243 subsection (a) of section 10-151 solely by reason of such certification,
244 provided any such individual who holds a regular teacher's certificate
245 issued by the State Board of Education and is employed as a teacher,
246 principal, supervisor or school superintendent shall not be excluded
247 from such definition.

248 [(e) The State Board of Education shall adopt regulations, in
249 accordance with chapter 54, to provide standards for the certification
250 of computer science teachers. Such regulations shall make provision
251 for certification requirements to be met by either (1) completion of
252 prescribed courses of study, or (2) such other experience as the state
253 board shall deem appropriate.]

254 Sec. 7. Section 10-221d of the general statutes is repealed and the
255 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

256 (a) On and after July 1, 1994, each local and regional board of
257 education, subject to the provisions of subsection (g) of this section,
258 shall (1) require each applicant for a position in a public school to state
259 whether such person has ever been convicted of a crime or whether
260 criminal charges are pending against such person at the time of [his]
261 application, [and] (2) require, subject to the provisions of subsection
262 (d) of this section, each person hired by the board after July 1, 1994, to
263 submit to state and national criminal history records checks within
264 [ninety] fourteen days from the date of employment [. Any local or
265 regional board of education] and may require, subject to the provisions
266 of subsection (d) of this section, any person hired prior to said date to
267 submit to state and national criminal history records checks, and (3)
268 require each employee of a contracted service provider if such
269 employee performs a service involving student contact and each
270 worker placed within a school under a public assistance employment
271 program who performs a service involving student contact to submit
272 to state and national criminal history records checks within fourteen
273 days from the date such employee or worker begins to performs such

274 service. The board or a regional educational service center pursuant to
275 subsection (b) of this section shall request the state criminal history
276 records check for each such person from the State Police Bureau of
277 Identification. The results of such requests for persons holding
278 certificates, authorizations or permits issued by the State Board of
279 Education shall be sent to the State Board of Education in accordance
280 with the provisions of subsection (f) of this section. The board or such
281 regional educational service center shall arrange for the fingerprinting
282 of each such person and forward the fingerprints to said bureau which
283 shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for
284 a national criminal history records check. The board or the regional
285 educational service center may charge each such person a fee for the
286 national criminal history records check which shall not exceed the fee
287 charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for performing the
288 check. If the local or regional board of education receives notice of a
289 conviction of a crime which has not previously been disclosed by such
290 person to the board, the board may (A) terminate the contract of a
291 certified employee, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-151,
292 and (B) dismiss a noncertified employee provided such employee is
293 notified of the reason for such dismissal, is provided the opportunity
294 to file with the board, in writing, any proper answer to such criminal
295 conviction and a copy of the notice of such criminal conviction, the
296 answer and the dismissal order are made a part of the records of the
297 board. The supervisory agent of a private school may require any
298 applicant for a position in such school or any employee of such school
299 to submit to state and national criminal history records checks in
300 accordance with the procedures described in this subsection.

301 (b) If a local or regional board of education requests, a regional
302 educational service center shall arrange for fingerprinting pursuant to
303 subsection (a) of this section and forward such fingerprints for state
304 and national criminal history records checks. [Such] Subject to the
305 provisions of subsection (f) of this section, the regional educational
306 service centers shall provide the results of such checks to (1) such local
307 or regional board of education, [Such regional educational service

308 centers shall provide such results to] and (2) any other local or regional
309 board of education or regional educational service center upon the
310 request of the person fingerprinted.

311 (c) State and national criminal history records checks for substitute
312 teachers completed within one year prior to the date of employment
313 with a local or regional board of education and submitted to the
314 employing board of education shall meet the requirements of
315 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. A local or regional
316 board of education shall not require substitute teachers to submit to
317 state and national criminal history records checks pursuant to
318 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section if they are continuously
319 employed by such local or regional board of education. For purposes
320 of this section, substitute teachers shall be deemed to be continuously
321 employed by a local or regional board of education if they are
322 employed at least one day of each school year by such local or regional
323 board of education.

324 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a person
325 required to submit to a criminal history records check pursuant to the
326 provisions of subsection (d) of section 14-44. The provisions of
327 subsection (a) of this section requiring state and national criminal
328 history records checks shall, at the discretion of a local or regional
329 board of education, apply to a person employed by a local or regional
330 board of education as a teacher for a noncredit adult class or adult
331 education activity, as defined in section 10-67, who is not required to
332 hold a teaching certificate pursuant to section 10-145b for his position.

333 (e) The State Board of Education shall require each applicant for an
334 initial certificate, authorization or permit pursuant to sections 10-144o
335 to 10-149, inclusive, and each applicant for renewal of such a
336 certificate, authorization or permit to submit to state and national
337 criminal history records checks. The State Board of Education shall not
338 issue or renew a certificate, authorization or permit until it receives
339 and evaluates the results of such checks and may deny an application

340 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (m) of section 10-145b,
341 as amended by this act.

342 (f) The results of any criminal history records checks required
343 pursuant to this section for a person holding a certificate, authorization
344 or permit issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to sections
345 10-144o to 10-149, inclusive, shall be sent to the State Board of
346 Education. The State Board of Education shall notify the local or
347 regional board of education or the regional educational service center
348 of the convictions of any such person employed by such local or
349 regional board of education or regional educational service center. The
350 State Board of Education shall submit, at least twice each year, a data
351 base of all persons who hold certificates, authorizations or permits to
352 the State Police Bureau of Identification. The State Police Bureau of
353 Identification shall conduct a check of state criminal history records
354 against such data base and shall notify the State Board of Education of
355 any such person who has a criminal conviction. The State Board of
356 Education may revoke the certificate, authorization or permit of such
357 person in accordance with the provisions of subsection (m) of section
358 10-145b, as amended by this act.

359 (g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a student
360 employed by the local or regional school district in which the student
361 attends school.

362 Sec. 8. (NEW (a) Prior to hiring any person, a local or regional board
363 of education shall make a documented good faith effort to contact
364 previous employers of the person in order to obtain information and
365 recommendations which may be relevant to the person's fitness for
366 employment.

367 (b) (1) A local or regional board of education, the Department of
368 Education and previous employers who provide information or
369 recommendations pursuant to this section shall be immune from civil
370 liability unless (A) the information or recommendation provided was
371 false and was relied on by the board of education to which such

372 information or recommendation was provided to the harm of the
373 applicant, and (B) the board, department or the previous employer
374 knew the information or recommendation was false or acted with
375 reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the information. (2) A local
376 or regional board of education that relies on information or
377 recommendations obtained pursuant to this section shall be immune
378 from civil liability for use of the information or recommendations
379 unless the information obtained was false and the local or regional
380 board of education knew the information was false or acted with
381 reckless disregard to the truth or falsity of the information.

382 Sec. 9. Section 11-1a of the general statutes is repealed and the
383 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

384 (a) The State Library Board may institute and conduct programs of
385 state-wide library service which may include, but need not be limited
386 to, (1) a cataloging and processing service to be available to libraries,
387 (2) the creation and maintenance of current and retrospective union
388 catalogs of books, union lists of serials and similar cooperative listings
389 of library materials, (3) a program of coordinated acquisitions, storage
390 and deposit of library materials, (4) the support and encouragement of
391 the transfer, as loans or copies, of library materials between libraries
392 and to nonresident library patrons, (5) the provision of suitable high-
393 speed communications facilities, (6) the creation and maintenance of
394 bibliographic and regional reference centers, (7) the provision of
395 traveling collections of library materials and of book examination
396 centers, and (8) the provision of a publicity and public relations service
397 for libraries.

398 (b) The State Library Board shall create and maintain one or more
399 library research centers which shall utilize any appropriate sources of
400 information, both within and outside of the state, to meet the needs of
401 those making inquiries.

402 (c) The State Library Board shall maintain the state's principal law
403 library which shall be located in the State Library and Supreme Court

404 Building. The State Library Board shall distribute state documents,
405 statutes and public acts to the law libraries established pursuant to
406 section 11-10b.

407 (d) The State Library Board shall create and maintain a library
408 service for the blind and other persons with disabilities, as provided
409 for in 2 USC Sections 135a, 135a-1 and 135b.

410 [(e) The State Library shall plan and develop a computer-based and
411 telecommunications-based network which shall be known as the
412 "Connecticut Library Network". This network shall (1) be an expansion
413 of the State Library's existing state-wide database, (2) have the
414 potential to link all school, public and academic libraries and
415 municipal government offices, and (3) for the purpose of making the
416 State Library's information resources accessible through the state via
417 the network, incorporate the linkage of the State Library to the library
418 automation system at the Connecticut State University.]

419 Sec. 10. Subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of section 16-331 of the
420 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
421 thereof:

422 (5) The department shall adopt regulations in accordance with
423 chapter 54, establishing procedures and standards for the renewal of
424 certificates issued to community antenna television companies. Such
425 regulations shall, without limitation, (A) incorporate the provisions of
426 the Communications Act of 1934, 47 USC 546, (B) require the
427 department to consult with the advisory council for the franchise area
428 served by the certificate holder before making a decision concerning
429 the renewal of the certificate, (C) require any holder of a certificate
430 which is not renewed by the department to continue to operate the
431 franchise for one year after the end of its term or until a successor is
432 chosen and ready to assume control of the franchise, whichever is
433 sooner, (D) establish standards for the content of notices sent to cable
434 subscribers concerning public hearings for franchise renewal
435 proceedings which standards shall include, without limitation, the

436 requirements specified in subdivision (6) of this subsection, (E)
437 establish standards to ensure that the costs and expenses of a
438 municipality constructing, purchasing or operating a community
439 antenna television company are accurately attributed to such
440 company, and (F) establish quality standards for the instructional and
441 educational channels. [The department shall adopt regulations
442 pursuant to this subdivision in conjunction with the Commission for
443 Educational Technology.]

444 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 16-333h of the general statutes is
445 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

446 (a) Each community antenna television company, as defined in
447 section 16-1, shall, not later than the date it extends energized trunk
448 and feeder to all areas within its franchise territory in which there are
449 at least twenty-five prospective subscribers per aerial plant mile of
450 extension and fifty prospective subscribers per underground plant
451 mile of extension, extend such trunk and feeder to public and private
452 elementary and secondary schools in such franchise areas and offer
453 one instructional television channel as part of its basic service. Each
454 such company may utilize such instructional television channel for
455 noninstructional television programming during any time when the
456 channel is not needed for instructional programming. No such
457 company shall be required to offer the instructional television channel
458 on or after July 1, 1995, unless [the Commission for Educational
459 Technology certifies to] the Department of Public Utility Control
460 determines that educational agencies in the company's franchise area
461 have utilized the instructional television channel to provide, during
462 the school year, an average of not less than twenty hours per week of
463 credit and noncredit instructional programming, programming
464 supporting school curricula and programming for professional
465 development.

466 Sec. 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the crimes for which conviction will lead to the automatic revocation of certificates, authorizations and permits. To require the state's attorney for the judicial district in which a holder of a certificate, authorization or permit is convicted of a felony or class A misdemeanor to notify the Commissioner of Education of such conviction. To require persons who have contact with students and are employed by contractors or who are placed in a school under a public assistance employment program to undergo criminal history records checks. To change the time frame for checks. To require applicants for certificates, authorizations and permits or renewals of certificates, authorizations or permits issued by the State Board of Education to undergo criminal history records checks. To set the same criteria in statute for revocation and denial of an authorization and a permit as provided for certificates. To require the State Board of Education to submit, at least twice a year, a data base of holders of certificates, authorizations and permits to the State Police Bureau of Identification for state criminal history records checks. To exempt students employed by the school district in which they attend school from the employee background check requirement. To require boards of education to make good faith efforts to contact previous employers prior to hiring a person. To provide immunity from civil liability for the provision of information or recommendations for persons seeking employment with boards of education and such immunity for boards of education that rely on such information or recommendations. To require high school teachers to take continuing education classes in the use of computers in the classroom. To make statutory changes recommended by the Commission on Educational Technology.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]