



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 946**

*January Session, 2003*

**AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FOR  
EMPLOYEES WHO WORK WITH PERSONS WITH MENTAL  
RETARDATION.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Commissioner of  
2 Mental Retardation shall require a state criminal history records check,  
3 conducted in accordance with section 29-17a of the general statutes, for  
4 each applicant for employment in a Department of Mental Retardation  
5 program that provides direct services to persons with mental  
6 retardation. Private sector service providers under contract with or  
7 licensed by the department to provide residential, day or support  
8 services to persons with mental retardation may require such state  
9 criminal history records check for each applicant for employment who  
10 will have direct and ongoing contact with persons and families who  
11 receive such services. The department shall reimburse such providers  
12 for the cost of such state criminal history records check. If such state  
13 criminal history records check is performed, no applicant shall be  
14 hired by the department or by a private sector service provider until  
15 the results of such state criminal history records check are available.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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