



General Assembly

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LCO No. 2580

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD
INFORMATION FOR EMERGENCY PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "emergency placement" means the placement of a child by the
3 Department of Children and Families in the home of a private
4 individual, including a neighbor, friend or relative of a child, as a
5 result of the sudden unavailability of the child's primary caretaker.

6 (b) When the Department of Children and Families makes an
7 emergency placement, the department may request a criminal justice
8 agency to perform a federal name-based criminal history search of any
9 adult residing in the home. The results of such name-based search
10 shall be provided to the department.

11 (c) No later than fifteen calendar days after the date such name-
12 based search is performed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
13 the department may request the State Police Bureau of Identification to
14 perform a state and national criminal history records check in
15 accordance with section 29-17a of the general statutes of any adult

16 residing in the home. Such criminal history records checks shall be
17 deemed as required by this section for purposes of said section 29-17a
18 and the department may request that such records checks be
19 performed in accordance with subsection (c) of section 29-17a. The
20 results of such criminal history records checks shall be provided to the
21 department.

22 (d) If the department denies emergency placement or removes a
23 child from a home based on the results of a federal name-based
24 criminal history search performed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
25 section, the adult whose name-based search was the basis for such
26 denial or removal may contest such denial or removal by requesting
27 that a full criminal history records check be performed in accordance
28 with subsection (c) of this section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2009</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To provide the Department of Children and Families with access to the federal Interstate Identification Index in circumstances involving the emergency placement of children.

[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.]