

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 11-26—SB 885**

*Public Health Committee*

*Public Safety and Security Committee*

**AN ACT PERMITTING INQUIRY ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

**SUMMARY:** This act permits charitable organizations to conduct background checks on volunteers they recruit to support programs for people with intellectual disabilities by accessing the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) abuse and neglect registry. It requires these organizations to apply to and get approval from the DDS commissioner before accessing the registry.

By law, DDS maintains a registry of individuals who have been terminated or separated from employment due to substantiated abuse or neglect of people with intellectual disabilities. Prior law limited access to (1) authorized agencies, for the purpose of protective service determinations; (2) employers whose employees provide services to DDS clients; and (3) the departments of Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services to check whether a job applicant is listed there.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

OLR Tracking: ND:JK:PF:ts