AN ACT AUTHORIZING THIRD-PARTY FINGERPRINTING SERVICES.

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

Section 1. Section 29-11 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2018):

(a) The bureau in the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection known as the State Police Bureau of Identification shall be maintained for the purposes of: (1) providing an authentic record of each person sixteen years of age or over who is charged with the commission of any crime involving moral turpitude, (2) providing definite information relative to the identity of each person so arrested, (3) providing a record of the final judgment of the court resulting from such arrest, unless such record has been erased pursuant to section 54-142a, and (4) maintaining a central repository of complete criminal history record disposition information. The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection is directed to maintain the State Police Bureau of Identification, which bureau shall receive, classify and file in an
orderly manner all fingerprints, pictures and descriptions, including previous criminal records as far as known of all persons so arrested, and shall classify and file in a like manner all identification material and records received from the government of the United States and from the various state governments and subdivisions thereof, and shall cooperate with such governmental units in the exchange of information relative to criminals. The State Police Bureau of Identification shall accept fingerprints of applicants for admission to the bar of the state and, to the extent permitted by federal law, shall exchange state, multistate and federal criminal history records with the State Bar Examining Committee for purposes of investigation of the qualifications of any applicant for admission as an attorney under section 51-80. The record of all arrests reported to the bureau after March 16, 1976, shall contain information of any disposition within ninety days after the disposition has occurred.

(b) Any cost incurred by the State Police Bureau of Identification in conducting any name search and fingerprinting of applicants for admission to the bar of the state shall be paid from fees collected by the State Bar Examining Committee.

(c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall charge the following fees for the service indicated: (1) Name search, thirty-six dollars; (2) fingerprint search, seventy-five dollars; (3) personal record search, seventy-five dollars; (4) letters of good conduct search, seventy-five dollars; (5) bar association search, seventy-five dollars; (6) fingerprinting, fifteen dollars; (7) criminal history record information search, seventy-five dollars. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any federal, state or municipal agency.

(d) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may enter into one or more agreements with independent contractors authorizing such contractors to receive and transmit by electronic means fingerprints and demographic information to the State Police Bureau of Identification for the processing of criminal history records.
checks. The commissioner shall require such contractors to: (1) Collect and remit the fee charged for fingerprinting, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, to the State Police Bureau of Identification, and (2) comply with terms and conditions as the commissioner may prescribe to protect and ensure the security, privacy, confidentiality and value of the fingerprints and demographic information received and transmitted by such contractors. The commissioner may authorize such contractors to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed fifteen dollars, for fingerprinting.

[(d)] (e) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, necessary to implement the provisions of the National Child Protection Act of 1993, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, the Volunteers for Children Act of 1998, and the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact as provided in section 29-164f to provide for national criminal history records checks to determine an employee's or volunteer's suitability and fitness to care for the safety and well-being of children, the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
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| Section 1        | July 1, 2018                     | 29-11 |

Statement of Purpose:
To authorize the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to enter into agreements with independent contractors to provide fingerprinting services to facilitate the processing of criminal history records checks.

[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.]