AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF LICENSED YOUTH CAMPS.

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

Section 1. Section 19a-421 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2020):

(a) No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp without a license issued by the office. Applications for such license shall be made in writing at least thirty days prior to the opening of the youth camp on forms provided and in accordance with procedures established by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of eight hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a fee of three hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no more than five days duration and for which labor and materials are donated, no fee. All such licenses shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance unless surrendered for cancellation or suspended or revoked by the commissioner for violation of this chapter or any regulations adopted under section 19a-428 and shall be renewable upon payment of an eight-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the licensee is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a three-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no more than five days duration and for which labor and materials are donated, no fee.

(b) On and after October 1, 2021, a licensee shall require any person who is eighteen years of age or older and a prospective employee of a
youth camp for a position that requires the provision of care to a child
or involves unsupervised access to any child in such youth camp, to
submit to comprehensive background checks, including state and
national criminal history records checks. The criminal history records
checks required pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in
accordance with section 29-17a. The licensee shall also request a check
of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k.
A licensee shall not permit any such prospective employee to begin
work at such youth camp until the provisions of 45 CFR 98.43(d)(4), as
amended from time to time, have been satisfied. The office shall notify
each licensee of the provisions of this subsection. The provisions of this
subsection shall not apply to any youth camp operated by a state
agency, as defined in section 1-79, provided such state agency satisfies
any other requirements relating to state and national criminal history
records checks applicable to employees of such state agency. Any
criminal history background check conducted pursuant to this
subsection shall be completed not later than five business days after
receipt of the request for such background check.

Sec. 2. Section 10-530 of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes
is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
October 1, 2021):

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Child care facility" means a "child care center", "group child care
home" or "family child care home" that provides "child care services",
each as described in section 19a-77, or any provider of child care services
under the child care subsidy program established pursuant to section
17b-749;

(2) "Child care services provider or staff member" means any person
who is (A) a licensee, employee, volunteer or alternate staff, assistant,
subsitute or household member of a child care facility, (B) a family child
care provider, or (C) any other person who provides child care services
under the child care subsidy program established pursuant to section
17b-749 but does not include a person who is providing child care
services under the child care subsidy program (i) exclusively to children
with whom such person is related, and (ii) without being issued a license
to provide child care services by the Office of Early Childhood; [and]

(3) "Family child care provider" means any person who provides
child care services under the child care subsidy program established
pursuant to section 17b-749 (A) in a family child care home, as defined
in section 19a-77, or (B) in a home not requiring a license pursuant to
subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 19a-77; [] and

(4) "Youth camp" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-

420.

(b) The comprehensive background checks required pursuant to
subsection (c) of section 19a-80, subsection (c) of section 19a-87b, [and]
subsection (a) of section 17b-749k, and subsection (b) of section 19a-421,
as amended by this act, shall be conducted at least once every five years
for each child care services provider or staff member in accordance with
the provisions of 45 CFR 98.43, as amended from time to time.

(c) Any person who is eighteen years of age or older and applies for
a position at a child care facility or youth camp in the state shall not be
required to submit to such comprehensive background checks if such
person (1) is an employee, volunteer or household member of a child
care facility in the state, or has not been separated from employment or
association as a child care services provider or staff member in the state
for a period of more than one hundred eighty days, and (2) has
successfully completed such comprehensive background checks in the
previous five years. Nothing in this section prohibits the Commissioner
of Early Childhood from requiring that a person applying for a position
as a child care services provider or staff member submit to
comprehensive background checks more than once during a five-year
period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
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