

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 393—ASSEMBLYMEN DONDERO LOOP, DIAZ, SMITH; AIZLEY, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BOBZIEN, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARRILLO, CONKLIN, FRIERSON, MASTROLUCA AND OHRENSCHALL

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Referred to Committee on Education

**SUMMARY**—Requires criminal background investigations of educational personnel upon renewal of a license. (BDR 34-8)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to educational personnel; requiring the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to include in the fee for the renewal of licensure of teachers and other educational personnel the amount required for processing the fingerprints of the applicant for renewal by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; requiring the Central Repository to investigate the criminal background of each applicant for renewal of a license submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction; revising other provisions governing the renewal of licensure of teachers and other educational personnel; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 Under existing law, an applicant for a license to teach must submit to the
- 2 Superintendent of Public Instruction with his or her application a complete set of
- 3 his or her fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Superintendent to
- 4 forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal
- 5 History for its report on the criminal history of the applicant and for submission to
- 6 the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report on the criminal history of the
- 7 applicant. (NRS 391.033) Also under existing law, the Central Repository is
- 8 required to notify the Superintendent of Public Instruction if the background check
- 9 indicates that an applicant for licensure has been convicted of certain criminal



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violations. In addition, the Central Repository is required to notify a county school district, charter school or private school if the investigation of an employee of the school district, charter school or private school whose fingerprints are submitted to the Central Repository indicates that the person has been convicted of certain criminal violations. (NRS 179A.075) An applicant for renewal of a license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction is not required to undergo a subsequent background investigation of his or her criminal history upon renewal of the license.

Under existing law, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education is required to fix fees of not less than \$65 for the issuance and renewal of a license to teach. (NRS 391.040) Existing administrative regulations of the Commission prescribe a fee for: (1) initial licensure of \$110, plus the amount charged for the criminal history of the applicant; and (2) renewal of a license of \$80. (NAC 391.045, 391.070) **Section 2** of this bill requires the Commission to set the fees for renewal of a license to include the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant for renewal by the Central Repository and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Section 3** of this bill requires the Central Repository to investigate the criminal history of applicants for renewal of a license submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 391.033 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.033 1. All licenses for teachers and other educational personnel are granted by the Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to regulations adopted by the Commission and as otherwise provided by law.

2. An application for the issuance of a license must include the social security number of the applicant.

3. Every applicant for a license must submit with his or her application a complete set of his or her fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Superintendent to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for its *initial* report on the criminal history of the applicant *and for reports thereafter upon renewal of the license pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 179A.075*, and for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report on the criminal history of the applicant.

4. The Superintendent may issue a provisional license pending receipt of the reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History if the Superintendent determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified.

5. A license must be issued to *, or renewed for, as applicable*, an applicant if:

(a) The Superintendent determines that the applicant is qualified;



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(b) The reports on the criminal history of the applicant from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History:

(1) Do not indicate that the applicant has been convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude; or

(2) Indicate that the applicant has been convicted of a felony or an offense involving moral turpitude but the Superintendent determines that the conviction is unrelated to the position within the county school district or charter school for which the applicant applied ~~[ ]~~ *or for which he or she is currently employed, as applicable*; and

(c) ~~[The]~~ *For initial licensure, the* applicant submits the statement required pursuant to NRS 391.034.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 391.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.040 1. The Commission shall fix fees of not less than \$65 for the ~~[issuance and renewal]~~ :

(a) *Initial issuance* of a license ~~[ ]~~ *, which must include the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and*

(b) *Renewal of a license, which must include the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant for renewal by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

2. The fee for issuing a duplicate license is the same as for issuing the original.

~~[2.]~~ 3. The portion of each fee which represents the amount charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for processing the fingerprints of the applicant must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the appropriate account of the Department of Public Safety. The remaining portion of the money received from the fees must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the appropriate account of the Department of Education.

**Sec. 3.** NRS 179A.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

179A.075 1. The Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History is hereby created within the Records and Technology Division of the Department.

2. Each agency of criminal justice and any other agency dealing with crime or delinquency of children shall:

(a) Collect and maintain records, reports and compilations of statistical data required by the Department; and

(b) Submit the information collected to the Central Repository in the manner approved by the Director of the Department.

3. Each agency of criminal justice shall submit the information relating to records of criminal history that it creates or issues, and



1 any information in its possession relating to the genetic markers of a  
2 biological specimen of a person who is convicted of an offense  
3 listed in subsection 4 of NRS 176.0913, to the Division. The  
4 information must be submitted to the Division:

5 (a) Through an electronic network;

6 (b) On a medium of magnetic storage; or

7 (c) In the manner prescribed by the Director of the Department,

8 ➔ within the period prescribed by the Director of the Department. If  
9 an agency has submitted a record regarding the arrest of a person  
10 who is later determined by the agency not to be the person who  
11 committed the particular crime, the agency shall, immediately upon  
12 making that determination, so notify the Division. The Division  
13 shall delete all references in the Central Repository relating to that  
14 particular arrest.

15 4. The Division shall, in the manner prescribed by the Director  
16 of the Department:

17 (a) Collect, maintain and arrange all information submitted to it  
18 relating to:

19 (1) Records of criminal history; and

20 (2) The genetic markers of a biological specimen of a person  
21 who is convicted of an offense listed in subsection 4 of  
22 NRS 176.0913.

23 (b) When practicable, use a record of the personal identifying  
24 information of a subject as the basis for any records maintained  
25 regarding him or her.

26 (c) Upon request, provide the information that is contained in  
27 the Central Repository to the State Disaster Identification Team of  
28 the Division of Emergency Management of the Department.

29 5. The Division may:

30 (a) Disseminate any information which is contained in the  
31 Central Repository to any other agency of criminal justice;

32 (b) Enter into cooperative agreements with repositories of the  
33 United States and other states to facilitate exchanges of information  
34 that may be disseminated pursuant to paragraph (a); and

35 (c) Request of and receive from the Federal Bureau of  
36 Investigation information on the background and personal history of  
37 any person whose record of fingerprints the Central Repository  
38 submits to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and:

39 (1) Who has applied to any agency of the State of Nevada or  
40 any political subdivision thereof for a license which it has the power  
41 to grant or deny;

42 (2) With whom any agency of the State of Nevada or any  
43 political subdivision thereof intends to enter into a relationship of  
44 employment or a contract for personal services;



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(3) Who has applied to any agency of the State of Nevada or any political subdivision thereof to attend an academy for training peace officers approved by the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission;

(4) For whom such information is required to be obtained pursuant to NRS 427A.735 and 449.179; or

(5) About whom any agency of the State of Nevada or any political subdivision thereof is authorized by law to have accurate personal information for the protection of the agency or the persons within its jurisdiction.

➤ To request and receive information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning a person pursuant to this subsection, the Central Repository must receive the person's complete set of fingerprints from the agency or political subdivision and submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report.

6. The Central Repository shall:

(a) Collect and maintain records, reports and compilations of statistical data submitted by any agency pursuant to subsection 2.

(b) Tabulate and analyze all records, reports and compilations of statistical data received pursuant to this section.

(c) Disseminate to federal agencies engaged in the collection of statistical data relating to crime information which is contained in the Central Repository.

(d) Investigate the criminal history of any person who:

(1) Has applied to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for *the issuance or renewal of* a license;

(2) Has applied to a county school district, charter school or private school for employment; or

(3) Is employed by a county school district, charter school or private school,

➤ and notify the superintendent of each county school district, the governing body of each charter school and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or the administrator of each private school, as appropriate, if the investigation of the Central Repository indicates that the person has been convicted of a violation of NRS 200.508, 201.230, 453.3385, 453.339 or 453.3395, or convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude.

(e) Upon discovery, notify the superintendent of each county school district, the governing body of each charter school or the administrator of each private school, as appropriate, by providing the superintendent, governing body or administrator with a list of all persons:

(1) Investigated pursuant to paragraph (d); or



(2) Employed by a county school district, charter school or private school whose fingerprints were sent previously to the Central Repository for investigation, who the Central Repository's records indicate have been convicted of a violation of NRS 200.508, 201.230, 453.3385, 453.339 or 453.3395, or convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude since the Central Repository's initial investigation. The superintendent of each county school district, the governing body of a charter school or the administrator of each private school, as applicable, shall determine whether further investigation or action by the district, charter school or private school, as applicable, is appropriate.

(f) Investigate the criminal history of each person who submits fingerprints or has fingerprints submitted pursuant to NRS 427A.735, 449.176 or 449.179.

(g) On or before July 1 of each year, prepare and present to the Governor a printed annual report containing the statistical data relating to crime received during the preceding calendar year. Additional reports may be presented to the Governor throughout the year regarding specific areas of crime if they are approved by the Director of the Department.

(h) On or before July 1 of each year, prepare and submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for submission to the Legislature, or to the Legislative Commission when the Legislature is not in regular session, a report containing statistical data about domestic violence in this State.

(i) Identify and review the collection and processing of statistical data relating to criminal justice and the delinquency of children by any agency identified in subsection 2 and make recommendations for any necessary changes in the manner of collecting and processing statistical data by any such agency.

7. The Central Repository may:

(a) In the manner prescribed by the Director of the Department, disseminate compilations of statistical data and publish statistical reports relating to crime or the delinquency of children.

(b) Charge a reasonable fee for any publication or special report it distributes relating to data collected pursuant to this section. The Central Repository may not collect such a fee from an agency of criminal justice, any other agency dealing with crime or the delinquency of children which is required to submit information pursuant to subsection 2 or the State Disaster Identification Team of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department. All money collected pursuant to this paragraph must be used to pay for the cost of operating the Central Repository.



(c) In the manner prescribed by the Director of the Department, use electronic means to receive and disseminate information contained in the Central Repository that it is authorized to disseminate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

8. As used in this section:

(a) "Personal identifying information" means any information designed, commonly used or capable of being used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a person, including, without limitation:

(1) The name, driver's license number, social security number, date of birth and photograph or computer-generated image of a person; and

(2) The fingerprints, voiceprint, retina image and iris image of a person.

(b) "Private school" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 394.103.

**Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

