

AN ACT

relating to background and criminal history checks for operators and employees of certain child-care facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 42.159, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and (c-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) A person subject to the background and criminal history check required by Subsection (a) or (b) shall submit to the commission a complete set of fingerprints.

(b-2) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this section. The rules adopted under this section:

(1) must require that the fingerprints submitted be in a form and of a quality acceptable to the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of conducting a criminal history check;

(2) may require that the fingerprints be submitted electronically through an applicant fingerprinting service center; and

(3) may allow the commission to waive a fingerprint submission required by this section if:

(A) the person for whom the submission is required has:

(i) a fingerprint-based criminal history check on file with the commission obtained under Section 411.114,

1 Government Code; or

2 (ii) a fingerprint-based criminal history
3 clearinghouse record, as provided by Section 411.0845, Government
4 Code, that is accessible to the commission through the Department
5 of Public Safety and obtained under Section 411.114, Government
6 Code; and

7 (B) the commission has an active subscription to
8 the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Record of Arrest and
9 Prosecution Back Service for the person for whom the fingerprint
10 submission is required.

11 (c-1) For each person whose fingerprints are submitted
12 under Subsection (b-1), the department shall conduct a state and
13 Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history check by:

14 (1) submitting the person's fingerprints, or causing
15 the fingerprints to be submitted electronically, to the Department
16 of Public Safety for the purpose of conducting a state and federal
17 criminal history check; and

18 (2) using the resulting information made available by
19 that department under Section 411.114, Government Code, and by the
20 Federal Bureau of Investigation and any other criminal justice
21 agency under Section 411.087, Government Code.

22 SECTION 2. Section 42.206, Human Resources Code, is amended
23 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (c-1)
24 to read as follows:

25 (b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (a), a
26 shelter shall submit a complete set of fingerprints of each person
27 required to undergo a criminal history check under Subsection (a)

1 ~~[if:~~

2 ~~[(1) the person has lived outside the state at any time~~
3 ~~during the previous five years; or~~

4 ~~[(2) the shelter has reason to suspect that the person~~
5 ~~has a criminal history in another state].~~

6 (b-1) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules to
7 implement this section. The rules adopted under this section:

8 (1) must require that the fingerprints submitted be in
9 a form and of a quality acceptable to the Department of Public
10 Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for purposes of
11 conducting a criminal history check;

12 (2) may require that the fingerprints be submitted
13 electronically through an applicant fingerprinting service center;
14 and

15 (3) may allow the commission to waive a fingerprint
16 submission required by this section if:

17 (A) the person for whom the submission is
18 required has:

19 (i) a fingerprint-based criminal history
20 check on file with the commission obtained under Section 411.114,
21 Government Code; or

22 (ii) a fingerprint-based criminal history
23 clearinghouse record, as provided by Section 411.0845, Government
24 Code, that is accessible to the commission through the Department
25 of Public Safety and obtained under Section 411.114, Government
26 Code; and

27 (B) the commission has an active subscription to

1 the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Record of Arrest and
2 Prosecution Back Service for the person for whom the fingerprint
3 submission is required.

4 (c-1) For each person whose fingerprints are submitted
5 under Subsection (b), the department shall conduct a state and
6 Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history check by:

7 (1) submitting the person's fingerprints, or causing
8 the fingerprints to be submitted electronically, to the Department
9 of Public Safety for the purpose of conducting a state and federal
10 criminal history check; and

11 (2) using the resulting information made available by
12 that department under Section 411.114, Government Code, and by the
13 Federal Bureau of Investigation and any other criminal justice
14 agency under Section 411.087, Government Code.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

S.B. No. 1061

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1061 passed the Senate on April 23, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1061 passed the House on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 17, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor