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H.B. No. 1970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to obtaining information from the child abuse and neglect
3 central registry regarding certain individuals who have or will
4 have direct contact with public school students.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 22, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 22.0841 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 22.0841. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CENTRAL REGISTRY
9 INFORMATION CHECK. An entity that is required under this
10 subchapter to obtain criminal history record information for any
11 person who has or will have direct contact with students must also
12 submit the person's name to be checked against the central registry
13 of persons found to have abused or neglected a child maintained by
14 the Department of Family and Protective Services under Section
15 261.002, Family Code. The entity shall consider any information
16 received from the central registry in making a licensing or
17 employment decision regarding the person.

18 SECTION 2. Section 261.002, Family Code, is amended by
19 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

20 (g) The department shall provide access to information in
21 the registry for the purpose of a review conducted under Section
22 22.0841, Education Code.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.