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BILL TOPIC: BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR YOUTH SPORTS ORGS

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires all employees and volunteers of youth sports organizations who work directly with youths five or more days per month to have a criminal history record check (background check). This requirement also applies to employees and volunteers who accompany the youth sports organization on any trip that includes an overnight stay. The bill specifies offenses that disqualify a person from working or volunteering for a youth sports organization. After the initial background check, employees or volunteers at youth sports organizations must have a background check conducted every two years. Background checks must be conducted through a private background check provider that meets certain standards.

Youth sports organizations are defined in the bill as private, for-profit or not-for-profit organizations that provide sports activities for youths age 18 or younger. The bill excludes neighborhood youth organizations, public and private K-12 schools, public and private institutions of higher education, organizations providing unscheduled sporting events on a walk-in basis, and schools or classes operated primarily for a single skill-building purpose from the definition of youth sports organization.

Assessment

The bill places no new requirements or duties on state or local government agencies and is therefore assessed as having no fiscal impact. Both youth sports organizations and the entities conducting background checks are private entities and the bill's requirements will not affect state or local government revenue or expenditures. Further, the bill does not specify any enforcement mechanism or new cause of action in the courts related to the background check requirement.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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