

Chapter 98

(House Bill 63)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Employees – Criminal History Records Checks

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Director of Administration of Wicomico County to request State and national criminal history records checks from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for prospective or current employees; requiring the Director of Administration to submit certain items to the Central Repository; requiring the Central Repository to forward to the prospective or current employee and the Director of Administration the employee's criminal history record information; specifying that certain information obtained from the Central Repository is confidential, may not be redisseminated, and may be used only for certain employment purposes; authorizing the subject of a criminal history records check to contest in a certain way the contents of a certain printed statement; requiring the County Executive of Wicomico County to propose and the County Council of Wicomico County to adopt guidelines to carry out this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to employee criminal history records checks in Wicomico County.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 10–236.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Criminal Procedure

10–236.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CENTRAL REPOSITORY” MEANS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

(B) THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF WICOMICO COUNTY MAY REQUEST FROM THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY A STATE AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FOR A PROSPECTIVE OR CURRENT EMPLOYEE OF WICOMICO COUNTY.

(C) (1) AS PART OF THE APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY:

(I) TWO COMPLETE SETS OF THE PROSPECTIVE OR CURRENT EMPLOYEE'S LEGIBLE FINGERPRINTS TAKEN ON FORMS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION;

(II) THE FEE AUTHORIZED UNDER § 10-221(B)(7) OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR ACCESS TO MARYLAND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS; AND

(III) THE MANDATORY PROCESSING FEE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE, THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY SHALL FORWARD TO THE PROSPECTIVE OR CURRENT EMPLOYEE AND THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION THE PROSPECTIVE OR CURRENT EMPLOYEE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION.

(3) INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY UNDER THIS SECTION:

**(I) IS CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY NOT BE REDISSEMINATED;
AND**

(II) MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION.

(4) THE SUBJECT OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CONTEST THE CONTENTS OF THE PRINTED STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED IN § 10-223 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF WICOMICO COUNTY SHALL PROPOSE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.