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HOUSE BILL 343

Short Title: Authorize LSC/Criminal Record Checks. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lewis.

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS OF ANY CURRENT OR  
3 PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, OR CONTRACTORS OF THE  
4 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 120-32 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "**§ 120-32. Commission duties.**

8 The Legislative Services Commission is authorized to:

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10 (2a) Obtain a criminal history record check of any current or prospective  
11 employee, volunteer, or contractor who is under the supervision and control  
12 of the Legislative Services Officer. The criminal history record check shall be  
13 conducted by the State Bureau of Investigation as provided in G.S. 143B-972.  
14 The criminal history report shall be provided to the Legislative Services  
15 Officer and is not a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

16 ...."

17 **SECTION 2.** Subpart D of Part 4 of Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the General  
18 Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 "**§ 143B-972. Criminal record checks for the Legislative Services Commission.**

20 The Department of Public Safety may provide to the Legislative Services Officer from the  
21 State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories the criminal history of any current or  
22 prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor of the Legislative Services Commission. The  
23 Legislative Services Officer shall provide to the Department of Public Safety, along with the  
24 request, the fingerprints of the current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor, a form  
25 signed by the current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor consenting to the criminal  
26 record check and use of fingerprints and other identifying information required by the State and  
27 National Repositories, and any additional information required by the Department of Public  
28 Safety. The fingerprints of the current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor shall be  
29 forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation for a search of the State's criminal history record  
30 file, and the State Bureau of Investigation shall forward a set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau  
31 of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The Legislative Services Officer  
32 shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section confidential. The Department of  
33 Public Safety may charge a fee to offset the cost incurred by it to conduct a criminal record check  
34 under this section. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost of locating, editing, researching, and  
35 retrieving the information."



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**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.