
SENATE BILL 5681

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By Senator Fain

1 AN ACT Relating to notice of criminal background checks by
2 community youth athletic programs; and adding a new chapter to Title
3 19 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Every community youth athletic program
6 must provide written notice to the parent or guardian of any youth
7 participating in the program regarding the program's policies
8 relating to whether the program obtains criminal background checks
9 for hired or volunteer coaches, or both.

10 (2) If criminal background checks are obtained for hired or
11 volunteer coaches, the written notice must also contain the
12 following:

13 (a) A statement regarding whether the criminal background check
14 includes state and federal criminal history information and whether
15 the program obtains subsequent arrest notification for those
16 individuals; and

17 (b) Contact information regarding where the parent or guardian of
18 a child participating in the community youth athletic program can
19 obtain additional information about the program's background check
20 policy, such as the entity providing the criminal background check

1 obtained by the community youth athletic program and the nature of
2 the type of offenses the program looks for.

3 (3) As used in this section:

4 (a) A "community youth athletic program" means an organization:

5 (i) Whose primary purpose is the promotion or provision of
6 athletic activities for youth under eighteen years of age; and

7 (ii) That has employees or volunteers who have supervisory or
8 disciplinary power over one or more youth under eighteen years of
9 age.

10 (b) "Written notice" includes posting on the community youth
11 athletic program's internet web site.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act constitutes a new
13 chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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