

Amendment to HB 251

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study criminal records check policies for nonpublic
4 schools and private entities that receive public funds.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study issues relating to
9 background check policies for nonpublic schools and private entities that receive public funds.

10 2 Membership and Compensation.

11 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

12 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be members of the
13 education committee and one of whom shall be a member of the criminal justice and public safety
14 committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

15 (b) One member of the senate, who shall be a member of the education and workforce
16 development committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

17 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
18 the duties of the committee.

19 3 Duties. The committee shall:

20 I. Work with the department of education and the department of safety to review the
21 current law and policies pertaining to the release of New Hampshire criminal records and FBI
22 criminal records to nonpublic schools and private entities that receive public funds.

23 II. Define credentialing and licensing and when in the process background checks are to be
24 performed.

25 III. Recommend changes in the organization and substance of related statutes.

26 IV. Study any other issues which the commission deems relevant to the objective of the
27 study including, but not limited to, the administrative office most suitable receive and oversee
28 background checks on:

29 (a) Employees who work for more than one school;

30 (b) Independent contractors;

31 (c) Employees of contracted service organizations;

32 (d) Persons enrolled in teacher education courses;

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1 (e) Volunteers.

2 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
3 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
4 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
5 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

6 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
7 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
8 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

9 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study criminal records check policies for nonpublic schools and private entities that receive public funds.