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HOUSE BILL DRH30442-LMz-150* (03/29)

Short Title: State Controller/Criminal Record Checks. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cleveland and Riddell (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS OF ANY CURRENT OR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, OR CONTRACTORS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE CONTROLLER, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-426.39 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-426.39. **Powers and duties of the State Controller.**

The State Controller shall:

...

(18) Require a criminal history record check of any current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor, which shall be conducted by the State Bureau of Investigation as provided in G.S. 143B-966. The criminal history report shall be provided to the State Controller and is not a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes."

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

"**§ 143B-966. Criminal record checks for the Office of State Controller.**

The Department of Public Safety may provide to the Office of State Controller from the State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories the criminal history of any current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor of the Office of State Controller. The Office of State Controller shall provide to the Department of Public Safety, along with the request, the fingerprints of the current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor, a form signed by the current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor consenting to the criminal record check and use of fingerprints and other identifying information required by the State and National Repositories, and any additional information required by the Department of Public Safety. The fingerprints of the current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor shall be forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation for a search of the State's criminal history record file, and the State Bureau of Investigation shall forward a set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The Office of State Controller shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section confidential. The Department of Public Safety may charge a fee to offset the cost incurred by it to conduct a criminal record check under this section. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost of locating, editing, researching, and retrieving the information."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

