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HOUSE BILL 543
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H543-PCS30476-TMf-13

Short Title: Criminal Background Check For Athlete Agents.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 27, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK FOR ATHLETE
3 AGENTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 9 of Chapter 78C of the General Statutes is amended by adding
6 a new section to read:

7 **§ 78C-89.1. Criminal history record check.**

8 (a) All applicants for registration or renewal of registration as an athlete agent in this
9 State shall consent to a criminal history record check. Any applicant who refuses to consent to a
10 criminal history record check shall be denied a certificate of registration. The Secretary of State
11 shall provide to the State Bureau of Investigation the fingerprints of the applicant to be checked,
12 a form signed by the applicant consenting to the criminal history record check and the use of
13 fingerprints and other identifying information required by the State or National Repositories, and
14 any additional information required by the State Bureau of Investigation. The Secretary of State
15 shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section confidential.

16 (b) The cost of the criminal history record check and the fingerprinting shall be paid by
17 the applicant. The Secretary of State shall collect any fees required by the State Bureau of
18 Investigation and shall remit the fees to the State Bureau of Investigation for expenses associated
19 with conducting the criminal history record check."

20 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 78C-93 reads as rewritten:

21 **§ 78C-93. Registration; renewal of fees.**

22 An application for registration or renewal of registration must be accompanied by a fee in the
23 following amount:

(1)	Application for registration	\$200.00	<u>\$250.00</u>
(2)	Application for registration based upon a certificate of registration or licensure issued by another state	200.00	<u>250.00</u>
(3)	Application for renewal of registration	200.00	<u>250.00</u>
(4)	Application for renewal of registration based upon an application for renewal of registration or licensure submitted in another state.....	200.00	<u>250.00</u>

31 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 143B-1209.57 reads as rewritten:

32 **§ 143B-1209.57. Criminal record check for platform licensees. checks for the Secretary of**
33 **State.**

34 (a) The State Bureau of Investigation may provide to the Secretary of State a criminal
35 history from the State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories for any applicant seeking
36 a certificate of registration as an athlete agent or a platform license. The Secretary shall provide



1 to the Bureau, along with the request, the fingerprints of the applicant and its key persons; a form
2 signed by the individual consenting to the criminal record check and use of fingerprints and other
3 identifying information required by the State and National Repositories; and any additional
4 information required by the Bureau. The fingerprints of the individual shall be used for a search
5 of the State's criminal history record file, and the Bureau shall forward a set of fingerprints to the
6 Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

7 (b) The criminal history report shall be provided to the Secretary of State, who shall keep
8 all information obtained pursuant to this section confidential to the Secretary of State. A criminal
9 history report obtained as provided in this section is not a public record under Chapter 132 of the
10 General Statutes."

11 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2025, and applies to applications
12 for registration or renewal received on or after that date.