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By: **Senator Green**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal History Records Check - Parent or Guardian of Child in**
3 **Out-of-Home Placement**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing a local department of social services to require~~
5 requiring certain individuals to obtain a criminal history records check if
6 requested by a local department of social services; making certain conforming
7 changes in provisions of law establishing procedures for obtaining a criminal
8 history records check; and generally relating to criminal history records checks
9 of parents or guardians of certain children in out-of-home placements and other
10 individuals residing with a parent or guardian.

11 ~~BY adding to~~
12 ~~Article - Family Law~~
13 ~~Section 5-561(g)~~
14 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
15 ~~(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)~~

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Family Law
18 Section 5-561(g) and (h) (c), 5-562(b), 5-563(a) and (b)(3), and 5-564(a)(1) and
19 (d)(4)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Family Law**

2 5-561.

3 (c) The following individuals shall obtain a criminal history records check
4 under this Part VI of this subtitle:5 (1) an individual who is seeking to adopt a child through a local
6 department of social services or licensed child placement agency;7 (2) an adult relative with whom a child, committed to a local department
8 of social services, is placed by the local department of social services; [and]9 (3) any adult known by a local department of social services to be
10 residing in a:11 (i) family day care home required to be registered under Title 5 of
12 this article;13 (ii) home of an adult relative of a child with whom the child,
14 committed to a local department of social services, is placed by the local department of
15 social services;16 (iii) foster care home or child care home required to be approved
17 under Title 5 of this article; or18 (iv) home of an individual seeking to adopt a child through a local
19 department of social services or a licensed child placement agency; AND20 (4) IF REQUESTED BY A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:21 (I) A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A CHILD WHO IS COMMITTED TO
22 THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT AND IS OR HAS BEEN PLACED IN AN OUT-OF-HOME
23 PLACEMENT WITHIN THE PAST YEAR; AND24 (II) ANY ADULT KNOWN BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO BE
25 RESIDING IN THE HOME OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN.26 ~~(G) A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MAY REQUIRE THE~~
27 ~~FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO OBTAIN A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK UNDER~~
28 ~~THIS PART VI OF THIS SUBTITLE:~~29 ~~(1) A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A CHILD WHO IS COMMITTED TO THE~~
30 ~~LOCAL DEPARTMENT AND IS OR HAS BEEN PLACED IN AN OUT OF HOME~~
31 ~~PLACEMENT WITHIN THE PAST YEAR; AND~~32 ~~(2) ANY ADULT KNOWN BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO BE RESIDING IN~~
33 ~~THE HOME OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN.~~34 ~~{(g)} (H) A person who is required to have a criminal history records check~~
35 ~~under this Part VI of this subtitle shall pay for:~~

1 (1) the mandatory processing fee required by the Federal Bureau of
2 Investigation for a national criminal history records check;

3 (2) reasonable administrative costs to the Department, not to exceed
4 10% of the processing fee; and

5 (3) the fee authorized under Article 27, § 746(b)(8) of the Code for access
6 to Maryland criminal history records.

7 ~~[(h)]~~ ~~(f)~~ ~~(1)~~ An employer or other party may pay for the costs borne by the
8 employee or other individual under subsection ~~[(g)]~~ ~~(H)~~ of this section.

9 (2) The local department of social services shall reimburse an adult
10 residing in a foster care home for the costs borne by the individual under subsection
11 ~~[(g)]~~ ~~(H)~~ of this section.

12 ~~5-562.~~

13 ~~(b)~~ As part of the application for a criminal history records check, the
14 employee, employer, and individual identified in § 5-561(e), (d), (e), ~~[or] (f), OR (G)~~ of
15 this subtitle shall submit:

16 (1) except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a complete set of
17 legible fingerprints taken on standard fingerprint cards at any designated State or
18 local law enforcement office in the State or other location approved by the
19 Department;

20 (2) the disclosure statement required under § 5-563 of this subtitle; and

21 (3) payment for the costs of the criminal history records check.

22 ~~5-563.~~

23 ~~(a)~~ As part of the application process for a criminal history records check, the
24 employee, employer, and individual identified in § 5-561(e), (d), (e), ~~[or] (f), OR (G)~~ of
25 this subtitle shall complete and sign a sworn statement or affirmation disclosing the
26 existence of a criminal conviction, probation before judgment disposition, not
27 criminally responsible disposition, or pending criminal charges without a final
28 disposition.

29 ~~(b)~~ ~~(3)~~ The Department or its designee shall mail an acknowledged receipt of
30 the application with a sworn statement or affirmation from an individual identified
31 in § 5-561(e), (d), (e), ~~[or] (f), OR (G)~~ of this subtitle to the appropriate local
32 department of social services, registering agency, licensed child placement agency, or
33 facility.

34 ~~5-564.~~

35 ~~(a)~~ ~~(1)~~ ~~(i)~~ The Department shall conduct the criminal history records
36 check and issue the printed statement provided for under this Part VI of this subtitle.

1 (ii) It shall update an initial criminal history records check for an
2 employee, employer, or individual identified in § 5-561(c), (d), (e), [or] (f), OR (G) of
3 this subtitle and issue a revised printed statement, listing any convictions, probation
4 before judgment dispositions, not criminally responsible dispositions, or pending
5 criminal charges occurring in the State after the date of the initial criminal history
6 records check.

7 ~~(d)~~ (4) Upon completion of the criminal history records check of an
8 individual identified in § 5-561(c), (d), (e), [or] (f), OR (G) of this subtitle, the
9 Department shall submit the printed statement to the appropriate local department
10 of social services, registering agency, or licensed placement agency.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2000.