



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Support HB1269

Family Law – Child Care – Volunteer Clearance

House Judiciary Committee

- This bill requires certain volunteers that work with children to submit a certain criminal history records check and a certain child abuse and neglect clearance
- Requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to maintain certain records
- Establishes a database of certain information about certain volunteers who work with children that is maintained by the Department
- This bill was created after talking to local law enforcement about certain instances that have occurred in my county and the state overall regarding lack of background checks and reference checks for coaches at all levels
- Specifically, we modeled part of this bill after Pennsylvania’s legislation that requires individuals who come into contact with children, either through paid or volunteer work, must undergo a child abuse criminal background check – the clearance needs to be renewed every 60 months

As of January 2021, states with enacted background check requirements for volunteers of non-school associated activities of youth sports and athletics are:
Alabama, California, Florida, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon and Pennsylvania