

**SENATE BILL NO. 2260  
with House Amendments**

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2260**

Introduced by

Senators Robinson, Christmann, Fischer

Representatives Koppelman, Kreidt, Mueller

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 12-60-24, a  
2 new section to chapter 19-03.1, a new section to chapter 43-12.1, a new subsection to section  
3 43-15-10, a new section to chapter 43-23, and a new section to chapter 43-41 of the North  
4 Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal history record checks; to amend and reenact sections  
5 12-60-16.5, 12-60-16.6, 12-60-24, 15.1-06-06, 15.1-13-14, 32-28-02, 50-11-01, 50-11-02.4,  
6 50-11-06.8, 50-11-06.9, 50-11.3-01, and 50-12-03.2, subsection 4 of section 53-06.2-05, and  
7 section 54-59-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal history record checks;  
8 to provide an appropriation; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

10 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12-60-16.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **12-60-16.5. Criminal history record information - Exchange of information among**  
13 **criminal justice agencies and the courts.** The bureau and other criminal justice agencies  
14 shall disclose criminal history record information:

- 15 1. To a criminal justice agency that requests the information for its functions as a  
16 criminal justice agency or for use in hiring or retaining its employees.
- 17 2. To a court, on request, to aid in a decision concerning sentence, probation, ~~or~~  
18 release pending trial or appeal, or a name change petition.
- 19 3. Pursuant to a judicial, legislative, or administrative agency subpoena issued in this  
20 state.
- 21 4. As otherwise expressly required by law.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 12-60-16.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

1           **12-60-16.6. Criminal history record information - Dissemination to parties not**  
2 **described in section 12-60-16.5.** Only the bureau may disseminate criminal history record  
3 information to parties not described in section 12-60-16.5. The dissemination may be made  
4 only if all the following requirements are met:

- 5           1. The information has not been purged or sealed.
- 6           2. The information is of a conviction, including a conviction for violating section  
7           12.1-20-03, 12.1-20-03.1, 12.1-20-04, 12.1-20-06.1, or 12.1-20-11 notwithstanding  
8           any disposition following a deferred imposition of sentence; or the information is of  
9           a reportable event occurring within three years preceding the request.
- 10          3. The request is written and contains:
  - 11           a. The name of the requester.
  - 12           b. The fingerprints of the record subject or, if the request is made without  
13           submitting the fingerprints, the request must also include the name of the  
14           record subject-
  - 15           e. ~~At and at~~ at least two items of information used by the bureau to retrieve  
16           criminal history records, including:
    - 17           (1) ~~The fingerprints of the record subject.~~
    - 18           (2) The state identification number assigned to the record subject by the  
19           bureau.
    - 20           (3) (2) The social security number of the record subject.
    - 21           (4) (3) The date of birth of the record subject.
    - 22           (5) (4) A specific reportable event identified by date and either agency or  
23           court.
- 24          4. The identifying information supporting a request for a criminal history record does  
25          not match the record of more than one individual.

26 In order to confirm a record match, the bureau may contact the requester to collect additional  
27 information if a request contains an item of information that appears to be inaccurate or  
28 incomplete.

29           **SECTION 3.** A new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 12-60-24 of the North Dakota  
30 Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

1           The department of financial institutions for each applicant for a specified  
2           occupation with the department as specified by the commissioner and  
3           principal owners and managing officers of applicants for a license from the  
4           department of financial institutions.

5           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 12-60-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7           **12-60-24. Criminal history record checks.**

- 8           1.   a.   The agencies, officials, and entities named in subsection 2 shall require each  
9           applicant, employee, or petitioner for adoption or name change to consent to  
10          a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check for the purpose of  
11          determining suitability or fitness for a permit, license, registration,  
12          employment, or adoption.
- 13          b.   Each applicant, employee, registrant, or petitioner for adoption or name  
14          change subject to a criminal history record check shall provide to the  
15          requesting agency or entity written consent to conduct the check and to  
16          release or disclose the information in accordance with state and federal law,  
17          two sets of fingerprints from a law enforcement agency or other local agency  
18          authorized to take fingerprints, any other identifying information requested,  
19          and a statement indicating whether the applicant or employee has ever been  
20          convicted of a crime.
- 21          c.   The agency, official, or entity shall submit these fingerprints to the bureau of  
22          criminal investigation for nationwide criminal history record information that  
23          includes resubmission of the fingerprints by the bureau of criminal  
24          investigation to the federal bureau of investigation. Except if otherwise  
25          provided by law, federal bureau of investigation criminal history record  
26          information obtained by an agency or entity is confidential. For a request for  
27          nationwide criminal history record information made under this section, the  
28          bureau of criminal investigation is the sole source to receive the fingerprint  
29          submissions and responses from the federal bureau of investigation. A  
30          person who takes fingerprints under this section may charge a reasonable fee  
31          to offset the cost of fingerprinting. Unless otherwise provided by law, the

bureau of criminal investigation may charge appropriate fees for criminal history information.

2. The bureau of criminal investigation shall provide to each agency, official, or entity listed in this subsection who has requested a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check, the response of the federal bureau of investigation and any statewide criminal history record information that may lawfully be made available under this chapter:

- a. The governing body of a city or a county, by ordinance or resolution, for each applicant for a specified occupation with the city or county.
- b. The agriculture commissioner for each applicant for a license to grow industrial hemp under section 4-41-02.
- c. The education standards and practices board for initial, reentry, and reciprocal teacher licenses under sections 15.1-13-14 and 15.1-13-20 and school guidance and counseling services under section 15.1-13-23.
- d. The medical examiners board for licenses or disciplinary investigations under section 43-17-07.1, except that criminal history record checks need not be made unless required by the board.
- e. The private investigative and security board for licenses or registrations under section 43-30-06.
- f. The human services department for foster care licenses under section 50-11-06.8, appointments of legal guardians under section 50-11.3-01, and petitions for adoptions under section 50-12-03.2, except that the criminal history record investigation must be conducted in accordance with those sections. A criminal history record investigation completed under section 50-11-06.8, 50-11.3-01, or 50-12-03.2 may be used to satisfy the requirements of a criminal history record investigation under either of the other two sections.
- g. The human services department for carecheck registrations under section 50-11.1-06.2.
- h. The chief information officer of the information technology department for certain ~~employees~~ individuals under section 54-59-20.

- i. A public peace officer training school that has been approved by the peace officer standards and training board for enrollees in the school. The school may only disclose the criminal history record information as authorized by law. The school shall pay the costs for securing the fingerprints, any criminal history record information made available under this chapter, and for the nationwide criminal history background check. This subdivision does not apply to the highway patrol law enforcement training center and enrollees who have a limited license under section 12-63-09.
- j. The North Dakota public employees retirement board for individuals first employed by the public employees retirement board after July 31, 2005, who have unescorted physical access to the office or any security-sensitive area of the office as designated by the executive director.
- k. The executive director of the retirement and investment office for individuals first employed by the retirement and investment office after July 31, 2005, who have unescorted physical access to the office or any security-sensitive area of the office as designated by the executive director.
- l. The Bank of North Dakota for each applicant for a specified occupation with the Bank as designated by the president.
- m. Job service North Dakota for each applicant for a specified occupation with job service as designated by the executive director.
- n. The state department of health for employees assigned duties related to bioterrorism and homeland security issues each applicant for or employee in a specified occupation with the department as designated by the state health officer; a nurse aide seeking to have a finding of neglect removed from the nurse aide registry; or an individual being investigated by the state department of health who holds a license, certificate, or registration in a health-related field; or, when requested by the department, an applicant for registration, certification, or licensure by the department.
- o. The board of nursing for applicants, licensees, registrants, or disciplinary investigations under chapter 43-12.1, except that criminal history record checks need not be made unless required by the board.

- 1           p. The state board of pharmacy for applicants or disciplinary investigations  
2           under chapter 43-15 and registrations, or revocation or suspension of  
3           registrations, under chapter 19-03.1, except that criminal history record  
4           checks need not be made unless required by the board.
- 5           q. The state real estate commission for applicants, licensees, or investigations  
6           under chapter 43-23, except that criminal history record checks need not be  
7           made unless required by the commission.
- 8           r. The North Dakota board of social work examiners for applicants for initial  
9           licensure or licensees under chapter 43-41, except that criminal history record  
10          checks for licensees need not be made unless required by the board.
- 11          s. All agencies, departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, or institutions of  
12          the state, including the North Dakota university system, for all employees or  
13          applicants for employment as a security guard or to otherwise provide  
14          security.
- 15          t. The office of management and budget for each individual who has access to  
16          personal information as designated by the director.
- 17          u. The department of corrections and rehabilitation for all agents, employees,  
18          and applicants for employment designated by the director and for each agent,  
19          employee, or applicant for employment of a privately operated entity providing  
20          contract correctional services for the department who exercises direct  
21          authority over juveniles, inmates, probationers, or parolees.
- 22          v. A city, county, or combination of cities or counties that operates a correctional  
23          facility subject to chapter 12-44.1, for all agents, employees, and applicants  
24          for employment of the correctional facility who have direct contact with or  
25          exercise direct authority over any juvenile or inmate of the correctional facility,  
26          and for each agent, employee, or applicant for employment of a privately  
27          operated entity providing contract correctional services for the correctional  
28          facility who exercises direct authority over juveniles, inmates, probationers, or  
29          parolees.
- 30          w. The North Dakota university system for each applicant for or employee in a  
31          specified position in the university system or a university system institution or

for each student applying for or admitted to a specified program of study, as designated by the chancellor.

- x. The governing board of a public school or, for a nonpublic school, the department of public instruction, for employees designated by the governing board or nonpublic school. The governing board or the nonpublic school is responsible for paying the costs associated with obtaining a background check.
- y. The governing board of a public school or, for a nonpublic school, the department of public instruction, for individuals seeking employment with the school, or individuals otherwise providing services to the school, if those individuals have unsupervised contact with the students. For purposes of this subdivision, "unsupervised contact" with students means being in proximity to one or more students, on school grounds or at school functions, outside the presence of an individual who has been subject to a criminal background check. The governing board or the nonpublic school is responsible for paying the costs associated with obtaining a background check.
- z. The racing commission for applicants for licenses under chapter 53-06.2, except that criminal history record checks need not be made unless required by the commission.

- aa. A district court for a petition to change a name under chapter 32-28.

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-06-06. Approval of public and nonpublic schools.** Each public and nonpublic school in this state offering elementary or secondary education to students must be approved by the superintendent of public instruction. Except as otherwise provided by law, the superintendent may not approve a school unless:

- 1. Each classroom teacher is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board;

2. Each classroom teacher is teaching only in those course areas or fields for which the teacher is licensed or for which the teacher has received an exception under section 15.1-09-57;

3. The students are offered all subjects required by law; ~~and~~

4. The school is in compliance with all local and state health, fire, and safety laws; and

5. The school has conducted all criminal history record checks required by section 12-60-24.

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-13-14. Initial and reentry licensure of teachers - Criminal history record check.** The board shall check, or cause to be checked, the criminal history record of each applicant for initial licensure and reentry licensure as a teacher in accordance with section 12-60-24. All costs associated with the background check and with obtaining and processing the fingerprints are the responsibility of the applicant. Criminal history records provided to the board pursuant to this section are confidential and closed to the public and may only be used by the board for determining an applicant's eligibility for licensure and obtaining documentation to support a denial of licensure.

**SECTION 7.** A new section to chapter 19-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Criminal history record checks.** The board may require an applicant for registration or a registrant whose registration is subject to revocation or suspension or employees or officers of an applicant or registrant to submit to a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The nationwide criminal history record check must be conducted in the manner provided by section 12-60-24. All costs associated with obtaining a background check are the responsibility of the applicant or registrant.

**SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 32-28-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**32-28-02. Change of name of person - Petition - Criminal history record checks - Exceptions.**



- 1           1. Any person desiring to change that person's name may file a petition in the district  
2           court of the county in which the person is a resident, setting forth:
  - 3           a. That the petitioner has been a bona fide resident of the county for at least six  
4           months before the filing of the petition.
  - 5           b. The reason for which the change of the petitioner's name is sought.
  - 6           c. The name requested.
- 7           2. When an individual files a petition for a name change, the court shall determine  
8           whether the petitioner has a criminal history in this state or any other state. The  
9           court may require the petitioner to submit to a statewide and nationwide criminal  
10           history record check. The criminal history record check must be conducted in the  
11           manner provided for in section 12-60-24. All costs associated with the criminal  
12           history record check are the responsibility of the petitioner. This subsection does  
13           not apply to a request for a name change as part of an application for a marriage  
14           license under section 14-03-20, to a request for a name change in conjunction with  
15           the annulment of a marriage under chapter 14-04 or the dissolution or separation  
16           of a marriage under chapter 14-05, or to the change of a minor's name unless the  
17           court has reason to believe the request is being made to defraud or mislead, is not  
18           being made in good faith, will cause injury to an individual, or will compromise  
19           public safety. If the individual petitioning for a name change has a felony  
20           conviction under a law of this state or a law of another state or the federal  
21           government, the request is presumed to be made in bad faith, to defraud or  
22           mislead, to cause injury to an individual, or to compromise public safety. The  
23           name change may not be granted unless the individual requesting the name  
24           change proves by clear and convincing evidence that the request is not based  
25           upon an intent to defraud or mislead, is made in good faith, will not cause injury to  
26           an individual, and will not compromise public safety.
- 27           3. The judge of the district court, upon being duly satisfied by affidavit or proof in  
28           open court of the truth of the allegations set forth in the petition, that there exists  
29           proper and reasonable cause for changing the name of the petitioner, and that  
30           thirty days' previous notice of the intended application has been given in the official  
31           newspaper of the county in which the petitioner resides, shall order a change of

the name of the petitioner. Proper and reasonable cause does not exist if the court determines that the request for a name change is made to defraud or mislead, is not made in good faith, will cause injury to an individual, or will compromise public safety. The court may waive publication of the notice when the proposed change relates only to a first or given name as distinguished from a surname or upon evidence satisfactory to the court that the petitioner has been the victim of domestic violence as defined in section 14-07.1-01.

~~3.~~ 4. If the person whose name is to be changed is a minor, the court shall consider the appointment of a guardian ad litem, and notice of the intended application must be published in the official newspaper of the county in which the minor resides and, if different, the official newspaper of the county in which each of the minor's parents reside. If the minor has a noncustodial parent, a copy of the notice must be deposited in a post office in this state, postage prepaid, not later than ten days after the publication of the notice, and directed to the noncustodial parent's last reasonably ascertained post-office address. An affidavit of mailing of the notice prepared in accordance with the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure must be filed with the court.

5. If the court issues a name change order for a petitioner who has a criminal history in this or any other state, the court, within ten days after the issuance of the change of name order, shall report the name change to the bureau of criminal investigation.

6. The provisions of this section may not delay the granting of a marriage license under section 14-03-20, which may be granted without the change of name.

**SECTION 9.** A new section to chapter 43-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Nursing licensure or registration - Criminal history record checks.** The board may require each applicant for initial or renewed nursing licensure or registration and any licensee or registrant who is the subject of a disciplinary investigation or proceeding to submit to a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The nationwide criminal history record check must be conducted in the manner provided by section 12-60-24. All costs associated with obtaining a background check are the responsibility of the applicant, licensee, or registrant.

1 The board may grant a nonrenewable temporary permit to an applicant for initial or renewed  
2 license or registration who submits to a criminal history record check as required by this  
3 chapter if the applicant has met all other licensure or registration requirements in accordance  
4 with subsection 2 of section 43-12.1-09.

5 **SECTION 10.** A new subsection to section 43-15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code  
6 is created and enacted as follows:

7 To require information regarding an applicant's or licensee's fitness, qualifications,  
8 and previous professional record and performance from recognized data sources,  
9 including the national association of boards of pharmacy data bank, other data  
10 repositories, licensing and disciplinary authorities of other jurisdictions,  
11 professional education and training institutions, liability insurers, health care  
12 institutions, and law enforcement agencies be reported to the board. The board  
13 may require an applicant for licensure or a licensee who is the subject of a  
14 disciplinary investigation to submit to a statewide and nationwide criminal history  
15 record check. The nationwide criminal history record check must be conducted in  
16 the manner provided by section 12-60-24. All costs associated with obtaining a  
17 background check are the responsibility of the licensee or applicant.

18 **SECTION 11.** A new section to chapter 43-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 created and enacted as follows:

20 **Criminal history record checks.** The commission may require an applicant for  
21 licensure or a licensee whose licensure is subject to investigation by the commission to submit  
22 to a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The nationwide criminal history  
23 record check must be conducted in the manner provided by section 12-60-24. All costs  
24 associated with obtaining a background check are the responsibility of the applicant or  
25 licensee.

26 **SECTION 12.** A new section to chapter 43-41 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27 created and enacted as follows:

28 **Criminal history record and child abuse and neglect checks.**

- 29 1. The board shall require each applicant for licensure and may require any licensee  
30 to submit to a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The  
31 nationwide criminal history record check must be conducted in the manner

provided in section 12-60-24. All costs associated with obtaining a background check are the responsibility of the applicant.

2. The board shall require from each applicant for licensure and may require from any licensee written consent to a child abuse information index check and authorization for the department of human services or its designee to release to the board reports of decisions that services are required for child abuse or neglect filed pursuant to section 50-25.1-05.2. All information obtained from the department or its designee is confidential and closed to the public except that it may be disclosed for use in an adjudicative or judicial proceeding. All costs associated with obtaining the reports are the responsibility of the applicant or licensee.

**SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-11-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-11-01. Foster care for children - License required.** No person may furnish foster care for children for more than thirty days during a calendar year without first procuring a license to do so from the department. The mandatory provisions of this section requiring licensure do not apply when the care is provided in:

1. The home of a person related to the child by blood or marriage.
2. A home or institution under the management and control of the state or a political subdivision.
3. A home or facility furnishing room and board primarily to accommodate the child's educational or career and technical education needs.

A person providing care under subsection 1 shall submit to a criminal history record investigation as required under section 50-11-06.8.

**SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-11-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-11-02.4. Criminal history record investigation - Fingerprinting not required.**

1. a. ~~Except as provided in section 50-11-06.9, each facility providing foster care for children shall secure from any individual employed by the facility and any adult living in the facility, but not being provided care in the facility, identifying information other than fingerprints, that is appropriate to accomplish a statewide criminal history record investigation.~~

1           ~~b-~~ Except as provided in section 50-11-06.9, the department shall secure from  
2           any individual employed by, or providing care in, an adult family foster care  
3           facility and any adult living in the facility, but not being provided care in the  
4           facility, identifying information other than fingerprints, that is appropriate to  
5           accomplish a statewide criminal history record investigation.

- 6           2. Fingerprints need not be taken and a nationwide background check need not be  
7           made if an individual:
- 8           a. Has resided continuously in this state for eleven years or since reaching age  
9           eighteen, whichever is less;
- 10          b. Is on active United States military duty or has resided continuously in this  
11          state since receiving an honorable discharge; or
- 12          c. Is excused from providing fingerprints under rules adopted by the department.
- 13          3. The department shall verify that sufficient identifying information has been  
14          provided. Upon verification, the department shall submit that information to the  
15          bureau of criminal investigation.
- 16          4. The bureau of criminal investigation shall provide any criminal history record  
17          information that may lawfully be made available under chapter 12-60 to the  
18          department. The department shall provide a copy of any response received from  
19          the bureau of criminal investigation to the facility.
- 20          5. The department shall pay the cost of securing any criminal history record  
21          information made available under chapter 12-60.
- 22          6. The department shall consult with the bureau of criminal investigation to determine  
23          the identifying information, other than fingerprints, appropriate to accomplish a  
24          statewide criminal history record investigation.
- 25          7. The department may adopt emergency rules under this section without the finding  
26          otherwise required under section 28-32-02.

27           **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-11-06.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28   amended and reenacted as follows:

29           **50-11-06.8. Criminal history record investigation - Fingerprinting required.**

- 30          1. ~~Except as provided in sections 50-11-02.4 and 50-11-06.9, each~~ Each facility  
31          providing foster care for children shall secure, from a law enforcement agency or

any other agency authorized to take fingerprints, two sets of fingerprints and shall provide all other information necessary to secure state criminal history record information and a nationwide background check under federal law from:

- a. Any individual employed by, or providing care in, the facility; and
- b. Any adult living in the facility, but not being provided care in the facility.

2. The facility shall assure that information obtained under subsection 1 is provided to the department.

3. Upon receipt of all fingerprints and necessary information relating to a license request, the department shall submit the information and fingerprints to the bureau of criminal investigation. The department shall provide a copy of any response received from the bureau of criminal investigation to the facility.

4. The bureau of criminal investigation shall request a nationwide background check from the federal bureau of investigation and, upon receipt of a response, provide the response of the federal bureau of investigation to the department. The bureau shall also provide any criminal history record information that may lawfully be made available under chapter 12-60 to the department.

5. Upon request by the operators of a facility, a law enforcement agency shall take fingerprints of persons described in this section if the request is made for purposes of this section.

6. The department shall pay the cost of securing fingerprints, any criminal history record information made available under chapter 12-60, and a nationwide background check.

7. An agency that takes fingerprints as provided under this section may charge a reasonable fee to offset the costs of the fingerprinting.

8. Except as provided in sections 50-11-02.4 and 50-11-06.9, the department shall secure from a law enforcement agency or any other agency authorized to take fingerprints, two sets of fingerprints and all other information necessary to secure state criminal history record information and a nationwide background check under federal law from:

- a. Any individual employed by, or providing care in, an adult family foster care facility; and

b. Any adult living in an adult family foster care facility, but not being provided care in the facility.

9. A criminal history record investigation completed under this section may be used to satisfy the criminal history record investigation requirements of sections 50-11.3-01 and 50-12-03.2.

**SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-11-06.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-11-06.9. Criminal history record investigation - When not required.** A criminal history record investigation may not be required, under section 50-11-06.8 or 50-11-02.4, of a family foster care home for children or of a family foster care home for adults licensed or approved on August 1, 1999, for so long as that home remains continuously licensed or approved.

**SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-11.3-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-11.3-01. Criminal history record investigation required.**

1. Before appointment as a legal guardian under chapter 27-20, the individual to be appointed legal guardian must be subject to an assessment that includes the result of a criminal history record investigation made under this section. In addition, any adult living in the household of the individual to be appointed legal guardian must be subject to a criminal history record investigation made under this section.
2. ~~Except as provided in subsection 6, an~~ An individual to be appointed legal guardian or any adult living in that individual's household as described in subsection 1 shall secure, from a law enforcement agency or other agency authorized to take fingerprints, two sets of fingerprints and shall provide all other information necessary to secure state criminal history record information and a nationwide background check under federal law. Upon a request made under this section, a law enforcement agency shall take fingerprints of any individual to be appointed legal guardian or any adult living in that individual's household as described in subsection 1 and may charge a reasonable fee to offset the cost of fingerprinting.

- 1           3.   An individual to be appointed legal guardian or any adult living in that individual's  
2               household as described in subsection 1 shall assure that information obtained  
3               under subsection 2 is provided to the department of human services.
- 4           4.   Upon receipt of all fingerprints and necessary information relating to a criminal  
5               history record investigation, the department of human services shall submit those  
6               fingerprints and that information to the bureau of criminal investigation.
- 7           5.   The bureau of criminal investigation shall request a nationwide background check  
8               from the federal bureau of investigation and, upon receipt of a response, provide  
9               the response of the federal bureau of investigation to the department of human  
10              services. The bureau of criminal investigation shall also provide any criminal  
11              history record information that may lawfully be made available under chapter 12-60  
12              to the department of human services. The bureau of criminal investigation may  
13              charge a reasonable fee to offset the cost of providing any criminal history record  
14              information and may require payment of any charge imposed by the federal bureau  
15              of criminal investigation for a nationwide background check.
- 16          6.   ~~Fingerprints need not be taken and a nationwide background check need not be~~  
17              ~~made if an individual:~~
  - 18              a.   ~~Has resided continuously in this state for eleven years or since reaching age~~  
19                  ~~eighteen, whichever is less;~~
  - 20              b.   ~~Is on active United States military duty or has resided continuously in this~~  
21                  ~~state since receiving an honorable discharge; or~~
  - 22              c.   ~~Is excused from providing fingerprints under rules adopted by the department~~  
23                  ~~of human services.~~
- 24          7.   The department of human services shall provide an individual to be appointed  
25              legal guardian or any adult living in that individual's household, who provided the  
26              department with information under subsection 2, with any information received  
27              under this section from the bureau of criminal investigation which the department  
28              of human services is not prevented by federal law from disclosing to the individual  
29              to be appointed legal or any adult living in that individual's household.
- 30          8.   7. The department of human services may adopt emergency rules under this section  
31              without the finding otherwise required under section 28-32-02.



- 1           8.   A criminal history record investigation completed under this section may be used to  
2               satisfy the criminal history record investigation requirements of sections 50-11-06.8  
3               and 50-12-03.2.

4           **SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-12-03.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6           **50-12-03.2. Criminal history record investigation required.**

- 7           1.   A child-placing agency shall include, in any adoptive home study report, the results  
8               of a criminal history record investigation made under this section. If the results  
9               reveal a conviction of a crime described in chapter 50-11.3, the home study report  
10              must include a determination that a home provided by the prospective adoptive  
11              parent is not a suitable home for the placement of any child and a recommendation  
12              that the petition for adoption be denied. A child-placing agency shall consider any  
13              criminal history record information available when making a recommendation in a  
14              home study report.
- 15          2.   ~~Except as provided in subsection 6,~~ a A child-placing agency shall secure, from a  
16              law enforcement agency or any other agency authorized to take fingerprints, two  
17              sets of fingerprints and shall provide all other information necessary to secure  
18              state criminal history record information and a nationwide background check under  
19              federal law from any prospective adoptive parent and any adult living in the  
20              prospective adoptive parent's household. Upon a request of a child-placing  
21              agency, a law enforcement agency shall take fingerprints of any prospective  
22              adoptive parent and any adult living in the prospective adoptive parent's household  
23              for purposes of this section. An agency that takes fingerprints as provided under  
24              this section may charge a reasonable fee to offset the cost of fingerprinting.
- 25          3.   The child-placing agency shall assure that information obtained under subsection 2  
26              is provided to the department of human services and shall arrange payment to the  
27              bureau of criminal investigation sufficient to defray the cost of securing criminal  
28              history record information under this section.
- 29          4.   Upon receipt of all fingerprints and necessary information relating to a criminal  
30              history record investigation, the department of human services shall submit those  
31              fingerprints and that information to the bureau of criminal investigation.

1           5. The bureau of criminal investigation shall request a nationwide background check  
2           from the federal bureau of investigation and, upon receipt of a response, provide  
3           the response of the federal bureau of investigation to the department of human  
4           services. The bureau of criminal investigation shall also provide any criminal  
5           history record information that may lawfully be made available under chapter 12-60  
6           to the department.

7           6. ~~Fingerprints need not be taken and a nationwide background check need not be~~  
8           ~~made if a prospective adoptive parent:~~  
9           a. ~~Has resided continuously in this state for eleven years or since reaching age~~  
10           ~~eighteen, whichever is less;~~  
11           b. ~~Is on active United States military duty or has resided continuously in this~~  
12           ~~state since receiving an honorable discharge; or~~  
13           c. ~~Is excused from providing fingerprints under rules adopted by the department~~  
14           ~~of human services.~~

15           7. The department of human services shall provide the child-placing agency with any  
16           information, received under this section from the bureau of criminal investigation,  
17           that the department of human services is not prevented by federal law from  
18           disclosing to the child-placing agency.

19        ~~8.~~ 7. The department of human services may adopt emergency rules under this section  
20           without the finding otherwise required under section 28-32-02.

21           8. A criminal history record investigation completed under this section may be used to  
22           satisfy the criminal history record investigation requirements of sections 50-11-06.8  
23           and 50-11.3-01.

24           **SECTION 19. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 53-06.2-05 of the North Dakota  
25 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26           4. License all participants in the racing and simulcast parimutuel wagering industry  
27           and require and obtain information the commission deems necessary from license  
28           applicants. The commission may obtain a statewide and nationwide criminal  
29           history record check from the bureau of criminal investigation, ~~without charge,~~  
30           ~~criminal history record information as required in the licensing process for the~~  
31           purpose of determining suitability or fitness for a license. The nationwide check

1           must be conducted in the manner provided in section 12-60-24. All costs  
2           associated with obtaining a background check are the responsibility of the  
3           applicant for a license.

4           **SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-59-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6           **54-59-20. ~~Employees of the department~~– Security background information.** The  
7 chief information officer shall require as a condition of employment with the department that  
8 individuals who have unescorted physical access to the facilities or other security sensitive  
9 areas of the department designated by the chief information officer submit to a criminal history  
10 record check in accordance with section 12-60-24. The chief information officer may require as  
11 a condition of contracting with the department or other state agency or department with respect  
12 to an information technology project that any individual employed by the contractor or a  
13 subcontractor to perform the work under the contract submit to a criminal history record check  
14 in accordance with section 12-60-24.

15          **SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
16 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$158,138, or so much  
17 of the funds as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of conducting state  
18 and nationwide criminal history record checks on behalf of the state department of health  
19 pursuant to section 12-60-24. The attorney general may hire an additional full-time equivalent  
20 position under this section.

21          **SECTION 22. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 21 of this Act becomes effective on the  
22 date the state health officer certifies to the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the  
23 legislative council that the federal government requires criminal history record checks on  
24 applicants for employment at long-term care facilities or providers who have access to patients.

25          **SECTION 23. EMERGENCY.** Sections 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 of this Act are  
26 declared to be an emergency measure.