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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2521

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2521 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act
5 is amended by adding Section 1.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 25/1.3 new)

7 Sec. 1.3. Criminal history records check.

8 (a) An association or other entity that has, as one of its
9 purposes, promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner
10 providing for interscholastic athletics or any form of
11 athletic competition among schools and students within this
12 State shall require applicants for licensure as an official to
13 authorize a fingerprint-based criminal history records check
14 to determine if such applicants have been convicted of any
15 disqualifying, enumerated criminal or drug offenses in
16 subsection (c) or have been convicted, within 7 years of the

1 application for employment with the school district, of any
2 other felony under the laws of this State or of any offense
3 committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws
4 of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this
5 State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of
6 this State.

7 Authorization for the check shall be furnished by the
8 applicant to the association or entity, unless the applicant
9 has previously authorized the check in a prior year's
10 application through a school district, regional office of
11 education, or such an association. The association or entity
12 may require the applicant to furnish authorization for the
13 check to the regional superintendent of the educational
14 service region in which the applicant resides. Upon receipt of
15 this authorization, the appropriate regional superintendent
16 shall submit the applicant's name, sex, race, date of birth,
17 social security number, fingerprint images, and other
18 identifiers, as prescribed by the Illinois State Police, to
19 the Illinois State Police.

20 The regional superintendent submitting the requisite
21 information to the Illinois State Police shall promptly notify
22 the association or entity in which the applicant is seeking
23 licensure as an official that the check of the applicant has
24 been requested. The Illinois State Police and the Federal
25 Bureau of Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a
26 fingerprint-based criminal history records check, records of

1 convictions, forever and hereafter, until expunged, to the
2 executive director for the association or entity that
3 requested the check. The applicant may be charged a fee not to
4 exceed the cost of the inquiry.

5 (b) The association executive or the association
6 executive's designee shall further perform a check of the
7 Statewide Sex Offender Database, as authorized by the Sex
8 Offender Community Notification Law, for each applicant. The
9 check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database must be conducted
10 by the association once every 5 years that an applicant
11 remains licensed by the association.

12 (c) The association executive or the association
13 executive's designee shall further perform a check of the
14 Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth
15 Database, as authorized by the Murderer and Violent Offender
16 Against Youth Community Notification Law, for each applicant.
17 The check of the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth
18 Database must be conducted by the association executive or the
19 association executive's designee once every 5 years that an
20 applicant remains licensed by the association.

21 Pending full clearance of all background check
22 requirements, the prospective official must be supervised at
23 all times by an individual who received a qualifying result on
24 all background check components.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

1 2026.".