



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB6608

by Rep. Daniel V. Beiser

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2605/2605-326 new
105 ILCS 25/1.25 new

Amends the Department of State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. Requires each applicant seeking licensure or certification by an interscholastic athletic organization to be a game official and each person renewing such licensure or certification on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act to authorize a fingerprint-based criminal history records check to determine whether the person has committed a disqualifying offense. Sets forth the records check procedure. Requires the interscholastic athletic organization to further check the person's information against the Statewide Sex Offender Database and the Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Database. Prohibits an interscholastic athletic organization from licensing or certifying a person as a game official or renewing a game official's license or certificate if that person has not undergone a criminal history records check or has committed an offense requiring the person to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offender Registration Act or as a violent offender against youth under the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of State Police Law of the Civil
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section
6 2605-326 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2605/2605-326 new)

8 Sec. 2605-326. Conviction information for interscholastic
9 athletic organization. To conduct a fingerprint-based criminal
10 history records check pursuant to Section 1.25 of the
11 Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act. The Department
12 shall furnish the conviction information to the
13 interscholastic athletic organization.

14 Section 10. The Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act
15 is amended by adding Section 1.25 as follows:

16 (105 ILCS 25/1.25 new)

17 Sec. 1.25. Game officials; criminal history.

18 (a) As used in this Section:

19 "Department" means the Department of State Police.

20 "Game official" means a person who officiates at an
21 athletic activity, such as a referee or umpire, including, but

1 not limited to, persons enrolled as game officials by the
2 Illinois High School Association or Illinois Elementary School
3 Association.

4 "Interscholastic athletic organization" means an
5 association or other entity that has as one of its purposes
6 promoting, sponsoring, regulating, or in any manner providing
7 for interscholastic athletics or any form of athletic
8 competition among schools and students within this State.

9 (b) Each applicant seeking licensure or certification by an
10 interscholastic athletic organization to be a game official and
11 each person renewing such licensure or certification on or
12 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th
13 General Assembly shall authorize a fingerprint-based criminal
14 history records check to determine whether the person has
15 committed a disqualifying offense. The person shall submit his
16 or her fingerprints and any other required information to the
17 Department in the form and manner prescribed by the Department.
18 These fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint
19 records now and hereafter filed in the Department's and Federal
20 Bureau of Investigation's criminal history records databases.
21 The Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall
22 furnish, pursuant to the fingerprint-based criminal history
23 records check, records of convictions, until expunged, to the
24 interscholastic athletic organization. The Department shall
25 charge a fee for conducting the criminal history records check,
26 which shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and

1 shall not exceed the actual cost of the criminal history
2 records check. Each person shall be responsible for the cost of
3 the criminal history records check. The interscholastic
4 athletic organization shall further check the person's
5 information against the Statewide Sex Offender Database and the
6 Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth
7 Database.

8 (c) An interscholastic athletic organization may not
9 license or certify a person as a game official or renew a game
10 official's license or certificate if that person has not
11 undergone a criminal history records check under subsection (b)
12 of this Section or has committed an offense requiring the
13 person to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offender
14 Registration Act or as a violent offender against youth under
15 the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration
16 Act.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.