

Introduced by

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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 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

- 1 bureau of criminal investigation may charge appropriate fees for criminal
2 history information.
- 3 2. The bureau of criminal investigation shall provide to each agency, official, or entity
4 listed in this subsection who has requested a statewide and nationwide criminal
5 history record check, the response of the federal bureau of investigation and any
6 statewide criminal history record information that may lawfully be made available
7 under this chapter:
- 8 a. The governing body of a city or a county, by ordinance or resolution, for each
9 applicant for a specified occupation with the city or county.
- 10 b. The agriculture commissioner for each applicant for a license to grow
11 industrial hemp under section 4-41-02.
- 12 c. The education standards and practices board for initial, reentry, and
13 reciprocal teacher licenses under sections 15.1-13-14 and 15.1-13-20 and
14 school guidance and counseling services under section 15.1-13-23.
- 15 d. The medical examiners board for licenses or disciplinary investigations under
16 section 43-17-07.1, except that criminal history record checks need not be
17 made unless required by the board.
- 18 e. The private investigative and security board for licenses or registrations under
19 section 43-30-06.
- 20 f. The human services department for foster care licenses under section
21 50-11-06.8, appointments of legal guardians under section 50-11.3-01, and
22 petitions for adoptions under section 50-12-03.2, except that the criminal
23 history record investigation must be conducted in accordance with those
24 sections. A criminal history record investigation completed under section
25 50-11-06.8, 50-11.3-01, or 50-12-03.2 may be used to satisfy the
26 requirements of a criminal history record investigation under either of the
27 other two sections.
- 28 g. The human services department for carecheck registrations under section
29 50-11.1-06.2.
- 30 h. The chief information officer of the information technology department for
31 certain employees individuals under section 54-59-20.

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

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

3 x. The governing board of a public school or, for a nonpublic school, the
4 department of public instruction, for employees designated by the governing
5 board or nonpublic school. The governing board or the nonpublic school is
6 responsible for paying the costs associated with obtaining a background
7 check.

8 y. The governing board of a public school or, for a nonpublic school, the
9 department of public instruction, for individuals seeking employment with the
10 school, or individuals otherwise providing services to the school, if those
11 individuals have unsupervised contact with the students. For purposes of this
12 subdivision, "unsupervised contact" with students means being in proximity to
13 one or more students, on school grounds or at school functions, outside the
14 presence of an individual who has been subject to a criminal background
15 check. The governing board or the nonpublic school is responsible for paying
16 the costs associated with obtaining a background check.

17 z. The racing commission for applicants for licenses under chapter 53-06.2,
18 except that criminal history record checks need not be made unless required
19 by the commission.

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

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

23 **15.1-06-06. Approval of public and nonpublic schools.** Each public and nonpublic
24 school in this state offering elementary or secondary education to students must be approved
25 by the superintendent of public instruction. Except as otherwise provided by law, the
26 superintendent may not approve a school unless:

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

- 1 2. Each classroom teacher is teaching only in those course areas or fields for which
- 2 the teacher is licensed or for which the teacher has received an exception under
- 3 section 15.1-09-57;
- 4 3. The students are offered all subjects required by law; ~~and~~
- 5 4. The school is in compliance with all local and state health, fire, and safety laws;
- 6 and
- 7 5. The school has conducted all criminal history record checks required by section
- 8 12-60-24.

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

11 **15.1-13-14. Initial and reentry licensure of teachers - Criminal history record**
12 **check.** The board shall check, or cause to be checked, the criminal history record of each
13 applicant for initial licensure and reentry licensure as a teacher in accordance with section
14 12-60-24. All costs associated with the background check and with obtaining and processing
15 the fingerprints are the responsibility of the applicant. Criminal history records provided to the
16 board pursuant to this section are confidential and closed to the public and may only be used
17 by the board for determining an applicant's eligibility for licensure and obtaining documentation
18 to support a denial of licensure.

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

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

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

29 **32-28-02. Change of name of person - Petition - Criminal history record checks -**
30 **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

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

8 ~~3.~~ 4. If the person whose name is to be changed is a minor, the court shall consider the
9 appointment of a guardian ad litem, and notice of the intended application must be
10 published in the official newspaper of the county in which the minor resides and, if
11 different, the official newspaper of the county in which each of the minor's parents
12 reside. If the minor has a noncustodial parent, a copy of the notice must be
13 deposited in a post office in this state, postage prepaid, not later than ten days
14 after the publication of the notice, and directed to the noncustodial parent's last
15 reasonably ascertained post-office address. An affidavit of mailing of the notice
16 prepared in accordance with the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure must be
17 filed with the court.

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

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

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

26 **Nursing licensure or registration - Criminal history record checks.** The board may
27 require each applicant for initial or renewed nursing licensure or registration and any licensee
28 or registrant who is the subject of a disciplinary investigation or proceeding to submit to a
29 statewide and nationwide criminal history record check. The nationwide criminal history record
30 check must be conducted in the manner provided by section 12-60-24. All costs associated
31 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

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

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

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

13 **50-11-01. Foster care for children - License required.** No person may furnish foster
14 care for children for more than thirty days during a calendar year without first procuring a
15 license to do so from the department. The mandatory provisions of this section requiring
16 licensure do not apply when the care is provided in:

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

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

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

26 **50-11-02.4. Criminal history record investigation - Fingerprinting not required.**

- 27 1. a. ~~Except as provided in section 50-11-06.9, each facility providing foster care~~
28 ~~for children shall secure from any individual employed by the facility and any~~
29 ~~adult living in the facility, but not being provided care in the facility, identifying~~
30 ~~information other than fingerprints, that is appropriate to accomplish a~~
31 ~~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

- 1 any other agency authorized to take fingerprints, two sets of fingerprints and shall
2 provide all other information necessary to secure state criminal history record
3 information and a nationwide background check under federal law from:
- 4 a. Any individual employed by, or providing care in, the facility; and
 - 5 b. Any adult living in the facility, but not being provided care in the facility.
- 6 2. The facility shall assure that information obtained under subsection 1 is provided to
7 the department.
- 8 3. Upon receipt of all fingerprints and necessary information relating to a license
9 request, the department shall submit the information and fingerprints to the bureau
10 of criminal investigation. The department shall provide a copy of any response
11 received from the bureau of criminal investigation to the facility.
- 12 4. The bureau of criminal investigation shall request a nationwide background check
13 from the federal bureau of investigation and, upon receipt of a response, provide
14 the response of the federal bureau of investigation to the department. The bureau
15 shall also provide any criminal history record information that may lawfully be
16 made available under chapter 12-60 to the department.
- 17 5. Upon request by the operators of a facility, a law enforcement agency shall take
18 fingerprints of persons described in this section if the request is made for purposes
19 of this section.
- 20 6. The department shall pay the cost of securing fingerprints, any criminal history
21 record information made available under chapter 12-60, and a nationwide
22 background check.
- 23 7. An agency that takes fingerprints as provided under this section may charge a
24 reasonable fee to offset the costs of the fingerprinting.
- 25 8. Except as provided in sections 50-11-02.4 and 50-11-06.9, the department shall
26 secure from a law enforcement agency or any other agency authorized to take
27 fingerprints, two sets of fingerprints and all other information necessary to secure
28 state criminal history record information and a nationwide background check under
29 federal law from:
- 30 a. Any individual employed by, or providing care in, an adult family foster care
31 facility; and

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

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

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

8 **50-11-06.9. Criminal history record investigation - When not required.** A criminal
9 history record investigation may not be required, under section 50-11-06.8 or 50-11-02.4, of a
10 family foster care home for ~~children or of a family foster care home for~~ adults licensed or
11 approved on August 1, 1999, for so long as that home remains continuously licensed or
12 approved.

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

15 **50-11.3-01. Criminal history record investigation required.**

16 1. Before appointment as a legal guardian under chapter 27-20, the individual to be
17 appointed legal guardian must be subject to an assessment that includes the result
18 of a criminal history record investigation made under this section. In addition, any
19 adult living in the household of the individual to be appointed legal guardian must
20 be subject to a criminal history record investigation made under this section.

21 2. ~~Except as provided in subsection 6, an~~ An individual to be appointed legal
22 guardian or any adult living in that individual's household as described in
23 subsection 1 shall secure, from a law enforcement agency or other agency
24 authorized to take fingerprints, two sets of fingerprints and shall provide all other
25 information necessary to secure state criminal history record information and a
26 nationwide background check under federal law. Upon a request made under this
27 section, a law enforcement agency shall take fingerprints of any individual to be
28 appointed legal guardian or any adult living in that individual's household as
29 described in subsection 1 and may charge a reasonable fee to offset the cost of
30 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 e. ~~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.