

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 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  
17 application for employment with the school district, of any  
18 other felony under the laws of this State or of any offense  
19 committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws  
20 of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this  
21 State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of  
22 this State.

23 Authorization for the check shall be furnished by the

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

13 The regional superintendent submitting the requisite  
14 information to the Illinois State Police shall promptly notify  
15 the association or entity in which the applicant is seeking  
16 licensure as an official that the check of the applicant has  
17 been requested. The Illinois State Police and the Federal  
18 Bureau of Investigation shall furnish, pursuant to a  
19 fingerprint-based criminal history records check, records of  
20 convictions, forever and hereafter, until expunged, to the  
21 executive director for the association or entity that  
22 requested the check. The applicant may be charged a fee not to  
23 exceed the cost of the inquiry.

24 (b) The association executive or the association  
25 executive's designee shall further perform a check of the  
26 Statewide Sex Offender Database, as authorized by the Sex

1 Offender Community Notification Law, for each applicant. The  
2 check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database must be conducted  
3 by the association once every 5 years that an applicant  
4 remains licensed by the association.

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

14 Pending full clearance of all background check  
15 requirements, the prospective official must be supervised at  
16 all times by an individual who received a qualifying result on  
17 all background check components.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
19 2026.