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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4412
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 4412 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4 5	"Section 5. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by changing Section 4.1 as follows:
6	(225 ILCS 10/4.1) (from Ch. 23, par. 2214.1)
7	Sec. 4.1. Criminal background investigations.
8	(a) In this Section, "third-party vendor" means a
9	third-party fingerprinting vendor who is licensed by the
10	Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and
11	regulated by 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1240.600.
12	(b) The Department shall require that each child care
13	facility license applicant as part of the application process,
14	and each employee and volunteer of a child care facility or
15	non-licensed service provider, as a condition of employment,
16	authorize an investigation to determine if such applicant,

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1 employee, or volunteer has ever been charged with a crime and 2 if so, the disposition of those charges; this authorization 3 shall indicate the scope of the inquiry and the agencies which 4 may be contacted. A child care facility, non-licensed service 5 provider, day care center, group day care home, or day care 6 home may authorize the Department or a third-party vendor to collect fingerprints for the investigation. If a third-party 7 vendor is used for fingerprinting, then the child care 8 9 facility, non-licensed service provider, day care center, 10 group day care home, or day care home shall pay the third-party vendor for that service directly. If a child care facility, 11 non-licensed service provider, day care center, group day care 12 13 home, or day care home authorizes the Department to collect 14 fingerprints for the investigation, Upon this authorization, 15 the Director shall request and receive information and 16 assistance from any federal, State, or local governmental agency as part of the authorized investigation. 17 Each 18 applicant, employee, or volunteer of a child care facility or non-licensed service provider shall submit the applicant's, 19 20 employee's, or volunteer's fingerprints to the Illinois State 21 Police in the form and manner prescribed by the Illinois State 22 Police. These fingerprints shall be checked against the fingerprint records now and hereafter filed in the Illinois 23 24 State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal 25 history records databases. The Illinois State Police shall charge a fee for conducting the criminal history records 26

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1 check, which shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the records check. 2 3 The Illinois State Police shall provide information concerning 4 any criminal charges, and their disposition, now or hereafter 5 filed, against an applicant, employee, or volunteer of a child care facility or non-licensed service provider upon request of 6 the Department of Children and Family Services when the 7 8 request is made in the form and manner required by the Illinois 9 State Police.

10 Information concerning convictions of a license applicant, 11 employee, or volunteer of а child care facility or non-licensed service provider investigated under this Section, 12 including the source of the information and any conclusions or 13 14 recommendations derived from the information, shall be 15 provided, upon request, to such applicant, employee, or 16 volunteer of a child care facility or non-licensed service provider prior to final action by the Department on the 17 application. State conviction information provided by the 18 19 Illinois State Police regarding employees, prospective 20 employees, or volunteers of non-licensed service providers and child care facilities licensed under this Act shall be 21 22 provided to the operator of such facility, and, upon request, 23 to the employee, prospective employee, or volunteer of a child 24 facility or non-licensed service care provider. Anv 25 information concerning criminal charges and the disposition of 26 such charges obtained by the Department shall be confidential

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1 and may not be transmitted outside the Department, except as required herein, and may not be transmitted to anyone within 2 3 the Department except as needed for the purpose of evaluating 4 an application or an employee or volunteer of a child care 5 facility or non-licensed service provider. Only information 6 and standards which bear a reasonable and rational relation to the performance of a child care facility shall be used by the 7 8 Department or any licensee. Any employee of the Department of 9 Children and Family Services, Illinois State Police, or a 10 child care facility receiving confidential information under 11 this Section who gives or causes to be given any confidential information concerning any criminal convictions of 12 an 13 applicant, employee, or volunteer of a child care facility or non-licensed service provider, shall be guilty of a Class A 14 15 misdemeanor unless release of such information is authorized 16 by this Section.

A child care facility may hire, on a probationary basis, 17 any employee or volunteer of a child care facility or 18 19 non-licensed service provider authorizing а criminal 20 background investigation under this Section, pending the result of such investigation. Employees and volunteers of a 21 22 child care facility or non-licensed service provider shall be 23 notified prior to hiring that such employment may be terminated on the basis of criminal background information 24 25 obtained by the facility.

26 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 103-22, eff. 8-8-23.)".