

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: SB 150  
INTRODUCER: Senators Ring, Sobel, Crist, and Lynn  
SUBJECT: Sports Coaches/Criminal History Record Checks  
DATE: April 28, 2010

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1 – 771551** (body with title)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1** removes everything after the enacting clause in SB 150 and substitutes the text of CS/HB 59. There are some differences in definitions of key terms. The most important difference appears to be that, unlike SB 150, House Amendment 1 does not include within its definition of “athletic coach” (the equivalent term in SB 150 is “sports coach”) an individual who has or is to have unsupervised contact with minors or serves as their chaperone on any overnight team activity.

Other differences:

- House Amendment 1 requires annual “background screenings” (a search of the federal and state sex offender registries) of athletic coaches; SB 150 does not require annual screenings.
- House Amendment 1 requires, within 7 business days following the background screening, written notice to a person disqualified advising the person of the results and the disqualification; SB 150 does not specify when written notice must be provided.
- House Amendment 1 requires maintaining specified documentation; SB 150 does not.
- SB 150 authorizes an appeal of the disqualification and permits probationary status pending resolution of the appeal; House Amendment 1 does not.
- SB 150 requires an annual affidavit of background screening compliance; House Amendment 1 does not.
- House Amendment 1 and SB 150 require different criteria to create a rebuttable presumption of non-negligence in hiring.
- SB 150 contains a rebuttable presumption of negligent hiring based on certain criteria; House Amendment 1 does not contain a rebuttable presumption of negligent hiring.