

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/CS/HB 1069 — Background Screenings

by Judiciary Committee; Health & Human Services Committee; and Reps. Trabulsy, Hunschofsky, and others (CS/CS/SB 1168 by Fiscal Policy Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Grall)

The bill amends multiple sections of law relating to background screenings. Specifically, the bill:

- Amends provisions related to the background screening of athletic coaches including:
 - o Defining the term “team based in this state”;
 - o Specifying that independent sanctioning authorities in charge of approving athletic coaches are considered qualified entities for the purpose of background screening and removes obsolete dates related to requiring athletic coaches to be background screened; and
 - o Allowing independent sanctioning authorities to exempt persons under the age of 18 and certain referees from the requirement to pass a level II background screening if they meet certain criteria.
- Requires qualified entities to designate a user administrator to act as the primary point of contact to manage compliance with state and federal laws regarding the security and privacy of criminal history information.
- Allows the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) to share background screening records with independent sanctioning authorities that have met specified criteria.
- Prohibits persons screened through the Clearinghouse by certain entities from denying or failing to acknowledge arrests, whether or not their records have been sealed or expunged.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 104-0