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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to water management district employees, appointees, and contractors; creating s. 373.6055, F.S.; authorizing water management districts to require the screening of an employee, appointee, or applicant for a position critical to security or public safety; authorizing the screening of a contractor or an employee thereof, vendor, repair person, or delivery person who has access to certain public facilities; requiring that fingerprints of applicants and employees be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a check of criminal history records; authorizing the county or municipality to use information obtained from a criminal history record check to determine a person's eligibility for employment or appointment; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 373.6055, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

373.6055 Criminal history record checks for certain water management district employees, appointees, and contractors.--Notwithstanding chapter 435, a water management district is authorized to conduct employment screening for any position of water management district employment or appointment which the water management district finds is critical to security or public safety, or for any private contractor, employee of a private contractor, vendor, repair person, or

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30 delivery person who has access to any public facility or
31 publicly operated facility the water management district finds
32 is critical to security or safety. The water management district
33 may require each person applying for, or continuing employment
34 in, any such position or having access to any such facility to
35 be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be submitted to the
36 Department of Law Enforcement for a state criminal history
37 record check and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a
38 national criminal history record check. The information obtained
39 from the criminal history record checks conducted pursuant to
40 the policy may be used by the water management district to
41 determine an applicant's eligibility for employment or
42 appointment and to determine an employee's eligibility for
43 continued employment. This section is not intended to preempt or
44 prevent any other background screening, including, but not
45 limited to, criminal history background checks, that a water
46 management district may lawfully undertake.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.