

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on State Administration recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

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

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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24 Section 1. Section 373.6055, Florida Statutes, is created
25 to read:

26 373.6055 Criminal history record checks for certain water
27 management district employees, appointees, and contractors.--A
28 water management district is authorized to conduct employment
29 screening for any position of water management district
30 employment or appointment which the water management district
31 finds is critical to security or public safety, or for any
32 private contractor, employee of a private contractor, vendor,
33 repair person, or delivery person who has access to any public
34 facility or publicly operated facility the water management
35 district finds is critical to security or safety. The water
36 management district may require each person applying for, or
37 continuing employment in, any such position or having access to
38 any such facility to be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be
39 submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a state
40 criminal history record check and to the Federal Bureau of
41 Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The
42 information obtained from the criminal history record checks
43 conducted pursuant to the policy may be used by the water
44 management district to determine an applicant's eligibility for
45 employment or appointment and to determine an employee's
46 eligibility for continued employment. This section is not
47 intended to preempt or prevent any other background screening,
48 including, but not limited to, criminal history background
49 checks, that a water management district may lawfully undertake.

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