

By Senator Atwater

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See HB 1185

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

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

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

25           373.6055 Criminal history record checks for certain  
26   water management district employees, appointees, and  
27   contractors.--Notwithstanding chapter 435, a water management  
28   district is authorized to conduct employment screening for any  
29   position of water management district employment or  
30   appointment which the water management district finds is  
31   critical to security or public safety, or for any private

1 contractor, employee of a private contractor, vendor, repair  
2 person, or delivery person who has access to any public  
3 facility or publicly operated facility the water management  
4 district finds is critical to security or safety. The water  
5 management district may require each person applying for, or  
6 continuing employment in, any such position or having access  
7 to any such facility to be fingerprinted. The fingerprints  
8 shall be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a  
9 state criminal history record check and to the Federal Bureau  
10 of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.  
11 The information obtained from the criminal history record  
12 checks conducted pursuant to the policy may be used by the  
13 water management district to determine an applicant's  
14 eligibility for employment or appointment and to determine an  
15 employee's eligibility for continued employment. This section  
16 is not intended to preempt or prevent any other background  
17 screening, including, but not limited to, criminal history  
18 background checks, that a water management district may  
19 lawfully undertake.

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

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