

By the Committee on Natural Resources; and Senator Atwater

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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.--A water management district is authorized to
 28 conduct employment screening for any position of water
 29 management district employment or appointment which the water
 30 management district finds is critical to security or public
 31 safety, or for any private contractor, employee of a private

1 contractor, vendor, repair person, or delivery person who has
2 access to any public facility or publicly operated facility
3 under the water management's jurisdiction which the district
4 finds is critical to security or safety. The water management
5 district may require each person applying for, or continuing
6 employment in, any such position or having access to any such
7 facility to be fingerprinted. The fingerprints shall be
8 submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a state
9 criminal history record check and to the Federal Bureau of
10 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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23 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
24 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
25 Senate Bill 2616

26 The committee substitute clarifies that each water management
27 district has the authority to conduct employment screening,
28 including a criminal history record check and fingerprinting,
29 for any private contractor, employee of a contractor, vendor,
30 repair person or delivery person with access to any public
31 facility or any publicly operated facility under the
jurisdiction of the water management district if the district
finds that the facility is critical to security or safety.