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CHAMBER ACTION Senate House Representative Trabulsy offered the following: Amendment (with title amendment) Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsections (1) through (4) and subsections (5) and (6) of section 435.02, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2) through (5) and subsections (7) and (8), respectively, present subsection (4) is amended, and new subsections (1) and (6) are added to that section, to read: 435.02 Definitions.-For the purposes of this chapter, the term: (1) "Affiliation" means the status of a person employed or serving as a volunteer or contractor, or seeking to be employed 955767 5/2/2023 8:15 PM

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14 or to serve as a volunteer or contractor, with a qualified 15 entity in a position for which screening is not required by law 16 but is authorized under the National Child Protection Act. (5) (4) "Employment" means any activity or service sought 17 to be performed by an employee or a person with an affiliation 18 which requires the employee, or for which a person with an 19 20 affiliation is authorized, to be screened pursuant to this 21 chapter. 22 (6) "Qualified entity" has the same meaning as in s. 23 943.0542(1). Section 2. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of subsection (1) 24 25 and subsection (2) of section 435.04, Florida Statutes, are 26 amended to read: 27 435.04 Level 2 screening standards.-(1) (a) All employees required by law to be screened under 28 29 pursuant to this section and persons with an affiliation with a 30 qualified entity for whom the qualified entity chooses to 31 conduct screening under s. 943.0542 must undergo security 32 background investigations as a condition of employment and 33 continued employment which includes, but is not need not be limited to, fingerprinting for statewide criminal history 34 35 records checks through the Department of Law Enforcement, and 36 national criminal history records checks through the Federal 37 Bureau of Investigation, and may include local criminal records checks through local law enforcement agencies. A security 38 955767

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39 <u>background investigation under this section also includes a</u> 40 <u>search of the sexual predator and sexual offender registries of</u> 41 <u>any state in which the current or prospective employee resided</u> 42 <u>during the immediate preceding 5 years.</u>

43 (b) Fingerprints submitted pursuant to this section on or
44 after July 1, 2012, must be submitted electronically to the
45 Department of Law Enforcement.

46 (d) An agency may require by rule that fingerprints 47 submitted pursuant to this section must be submitted 48 electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement on a date 49 earlier than July 1, 2012.

50 The security background investigations under this (2)51 section must ensure that no persons subject to the provisions of 52 this section have not been arrested for and are awaiting final 53 disposition of, have not been found quilty of, regardless of 54 adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or quilty to, 55 or have not been adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been sealed or expunged for, any offense prohibited under any of 56 57 the following provisions of state law or similar law of another jurisdiction: 58

(a) Section 393.135, relating to sexual misconduct with
certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such
sexual misconduct.

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62 Section 394.4593, relating to sexual misconduct with (b) certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual 63 64 misconduct. 65 Section 415.111, relating to adult abuse, neglect, or (C) 66 exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults. Section 777.04, relating to attempts, solicitation, 67 (d) and conspiracy to commit an offense listed in this subsection. 68 69 Section 782.04, relating to murder. (e) 70 (f) Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated 71 manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, or 72 aggravated manslaughter of a child. 73 Section 782.071, relating to vehicular homicide. (q) Section 782.09, relating to killing of an unborn child 74 (h) 75 by injury to the mother. 76 (i) Chapter 784, relating to assault, battery, and 77 culpable negligence, if the offense was a felony. Section 784.011, relating to assault, if the victim of 78 (j) 79 the offense was a minor. 80 (k) Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault. 81 (1) (k) Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor. 82 83 (m) Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery. 84 (n) Section 784.075, relating to battery on staff of a 85 detention or commitment facility or on a juvenile probation 86 officer. 955767 5/2/2023 8:15 PM

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(o) (1) Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping. 87 (p) (m) Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment. 88 89 (q) (n) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a 90 child. 91 (r) (o) Section 787.04(2), relating to taking, enticing, or 92 removing a child beyond the state limits with criminal intent 93 pending custody proceedings. 94 (s) (p) Section 787.04(3), relating to carrying a child 95 beyond the state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing a 96 child at a custody hearing or delivering the child to the 97 designated person. 98 (t) (g) Section 790.115(1), relating to exhibiting firearms 99 or weapons within 1,000 feet of a school. 100 (u) (r) Section 790.115(2)(b), relating to possessing an 101 electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon 102 on school property. 103 (v) (s) Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery. 104 (w) (t) Former s. 794.041, relating to prohibited acts of 105 persons in familial or custodial authority. (x) (u) Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual 106 107 activity with certain minors. 108 (y) Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation. 109 (z) (v) Chapter 796, relating to prostitution. 110 (aa) (w) Section 798.02, relating to lewd and lascivious behavior. 111 955767 5/2/2023 8:15 PM

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112 (bb) (x) Chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent 113 exposure and offenses against students by authority figures. (cc) (y) Section 806.01, relating to arson. 114 115 (dd) (z) Section 810.02, relating to burglary. 116 (ee) (aa) Section 810.14, relating to voyeurism, if the 117 offense is a felony. 118 (ff) (bb) Section 810.145, relating to video voyeurism, if 119 the offense is a felony. (qq) (cc) Chapter 812, relating to theft, robbery, and 120 121 related crimes, if the offense is a felony. (hh) (dd) Section 817.563, relating to fraudulent sale of 122 123 controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony. 124 (ii) (ce) Section 825.102, relating to abuse, aggravated 125 abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult. (jj) (ff) Section 825.1025, relating to lewd or lascivious 126 127 offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person 128 or disabled adult. 129 (kk) (gg) Section 825.103, relating to exploitation of an 130 elderly person or disabled adult, if the offense was a felony. (11) (hh) Section 826.04, relating to incest. 131 132 (mm) (ii) Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, 133 aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child. 134 (nn) (ii) Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the 135 delinquency or dependency of a child.

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136 (oo) (kk) Former s. 827.05, relating to negligent treatment 137 of children.

138 (pp) (11) Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance 139 by a child.

140 <u>(qq) (mm)</u> Section 843.01, relating to resisting arrest with 141 violence.

142 <u>(rr) (nn)</u> Section 843.025, relating to depriving a law 143 enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer 144 means of protection or communication.

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(ss) (oo) Section 843.12, relating to aiding in an escape. (tt) (pp) Section 843.13, relating to aiding in the escape of juvenile inmates in correctional institutions.

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(uu) (qq) Chapter 847, relating to obscene literature.

149 <u>(vv) (rr)</u> Section 874.05, relating to encouraging or 150 recruiting another to join a criminal gang.

151 <u>(ww) (ss)</u> Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention 152 and control, only if the offense was a felony or if any other 153 person involved in the offense was a minor.

154 <u>(xx) (tt)</u> Section 916.1075, relating to sexual misconduct 155 with certain forensic clients and reporting of such sexual 156 misconduct.

157 <u>(yy) (uu)</u> Section 944.35(3), relating to inflicting cruel 158 or inhuman treatment on an inmate resulting in great bodily 159 harm.

160 <u>(zz) (vv)</u> Section 944.40, relating to escape. 955767

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161	(aaa) (ww) Section 944.46, relating to harboring,
162	concealing, or aiding an escaped prisoner.
163	(bbb) (xx) Section 944.47, relating to introduction of
164	contraband into a correctional facility.
165	<u>(ccc) (yy)</u> Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct
166	in juvenile justice programs.
167	(ddd)(zz) Section 985.711, relating to contraband
168	introduced into detention facilities.
169	Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraphs (a)
170	and (b) of subsection (3), and paragraphs (a) and (b) of
171	subsection (4) of section 435.07, Florida Statutes, are amended
172	to read:
173	435.07 Exemptions from disqualificationUnless otherwise
174	provided by law, the provisions of this section apply to
175	exemptions from disqualification for disqualifying offenses
176	revealed pursuant to background screenings required under this
177	chapter, regardless of whether those disqualifying offenses are
178	listed in this chapter or other laws.
179	(1)(a) The head of the appropriate agency <u>or qualified</u>
180	entity may grant to any employee or person with an affiliation
181	otherwise disqualified from employment an exemption from
182	disqualification for:
183	1. Felonies for which at least 3 years have elapsed since
184	the applicant for the exemption has completed or been lawfully
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185 released from confinement, supervision, or nonmonetary condition 186 imposed by the court for the disqualifying felony;

2. Misdemeanors prohibited under any of the statutes cited in this chapter or under similar statutes of other jurisdictions for which the applicant for the exemption has completed or been lawfully released from confinement, supervision, or nonmonetary condition imposed by the court;

3. Offenses that were felonies when committed but that are now misdemeanors and for which the applicant for the exemption has completed or been lawfully released from confinement, supervision, or nonmonetary condition imposed by the court; or

4. Findings of delinquency. For offenses that would be felonies if committed by an adult and the record has not been sealed or expunged, the exemption may not be granted until at least 3 years have elapsed since the applicant for the exemption has completed or been lawfully released from confinement, supervision, or nonmonetary condition imposed by the court for the disgualifying offense.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term "felonies" means both felonies prohibited under any of the statutes cited in this chapter or under similar statutes of other jurisdictions.

207 (3)(a) In order for the head of an agency <u>or qualified</u>
208 <u>entity</u> to grant an exemption to <u>an any</u> employee <u>or a person with</u>
209 <u>an affiliation</u>, the employee <u>or person with an affiliation</u> must
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demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the employee 210 or person with an affiliation should not be disqualified from 211 212 employment. Employees or persons with an affiliation seeking an exemption have the burden of setting forth clear and convincing 213 214 evidence of rehabilitation, including, but not limited to, the 215 circumstances surrounding the criminal incident for which an 216 exemption is sought, the time period that has elapsed since the 217 incident, the nature of the harm caused to the victim, and the 218 history of the employee or person with an affiliation since the 219 incident, or any other evidence or circumstances indicating that the employee or person with an affiliation will not present a 220 221 danger if employment, affiliation, or continued employment or 222 continued affiliation is allowed.

(b) The agency may consider as part of its deliberations of the employee's rehabilitation of the employee or person with an affiliation the fact that the employee or person with an affiliation has, subsequent to the conviction for the disqualifying offense for which the exemption is being sought, been arrested for or convicted of another crime, even if that crime is not a disqualifying offense.

(4) (a) Disqualification from employment <u>or affiliation</u> under this chapter may not be removed from, nor may an exemption be granted to, any personnel who is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or who has entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any felony covered by s. 435.03 or s. 435.04 solely 955767

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235 by reason of any pardon, executive clemency, or restoration of 236 civil rights.

(b) Disqualification from employment <u>or affiliation</u> under this chapter may not be removed from, nor may an exemption be granted to, any person who is a:

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1. Sexual predator as designated pursuant to s. 775.21;

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2. Career offender pursuant to s. 775.261; or

3. Sexual offender pursuant to s. 943.0435, unless the requirement to register as a sexual offender has been removed pursuant to s. 943.04354.

245 Section 4. Effective upon this act becoming a law, 246 subsections (1) and (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of 247 section 435.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

435.12 Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse.-

249 The Agency for Health Care Administration in (1)250 consultation with the Department of Law Enforcement shall create 251 a secure web-based system, which shall be known as the "Care 252 Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse" or 253 "clearinghouse.," and which shall be implemented to the full 254 extent practicable no later than September 30, 2013, subject to 255 the specified agencies being funded and equipped to participate 256 in such program. The clearinghouse must shall allow the results

of criminal history checks provided to the specified agencies and, beginning January 1, 2026, or a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, to qualified entities

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260 participating in the clearinghouse for screening of persons 261 qualified as care providers under s. 943.0542 to be shared among 262 the specified agencies and qualified entities when a person has 263 applied to volunteer, be employed, be licensed, or enter into a 264 contract, or has an affiliation that allows or that requires a 265 state and national fingerprint-based criminal history check. 266 Beginning January 1, 2025, or a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Health 267 268 Care Administration shall review and determine eligibility for 269 all criminal history checks submitted to the clearinghouse for the Department of Education. The clearinghouse shall share 270 271 eligibility determinations with the Department of Education and 272 the qualified entities. The Agency for Health Care 273 Administration and the Department of Law Enforcement may adopt 274 rules to create forms or implement procedures needed to carry 275 out this section.

(2) (a) To ensure that the information in the clearinghouse is current, the fingerprints of <u>a person</u> an employee required to be screened by a specified agency and included in the clearinghouse must be:

1. Retained by the Department of Law Enforcement pursuant to s. 943.05(2)(g) and (h) and (3), and the Department of Law Enforcement must report the results of searching those fingerprints against state incoming arrest fingerprint

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284 submissions to the Agency for Health Care Administration for 285 inclusion in the clearinghouse.

286 2. Retained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the 287 national retained print arrest notification program as soon as 288 the Department of Law Enforcement begins participation in such 289 program. Arrest prints will be searched against retained prints 290 at the Federal Bureau of Investigation and notification of 291 arrests will be forwarded to the Florida Department of Law 292 Enforcement and reported to the Agency for Health Care 293 Administration for inclusion in the clearinghouse.

3. Resubmitted for a Federal Bureau of Investigation national criminal history check every 5 years until such time as the fingerprints are retained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

4. Subject to retention on a 5-year renewal basis with
fees collected at the time of initial submission or resubmission
of fingerprints.

301 5. Submitted with a photograph of the person taken at the302 time the fingerprints are submitted.

303 (b) Until such time as the fingerprints are enrolled in 304 the national retained print arrest notification program at the 305 Federal Bureau of Investigation:

306 <u>1. A person</u>, an employee with a break in service of more 307 than 90 days from a position that requires screening by a 308 specified agency must submit to a national screening if the 955767

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309 person returns to a position that requires screening by a 310 specified agency. 311 2. Effective January 1, 2026, or a later date as 312 determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, for the 313 participation of qualified entities in the clearinghouse under 314 s. 435.12, a person with a break in service of more than 90 days 315 from a position for which screening is conducted by a qualified 316 entity participating in the clearinghouse must submit to a 317 national screening if the person returns to a position for which 318 screening is conducted by a qualified entity. 319 An employer of persons subject to screening or a (C) 320 qualified entity participating in the clearinghouse by a 321 specified agency must register with the clearinghouse and 322 maintain the employment or affiliation status of all persons 323 included in employees within the clearinghouse. 324 1. Before January 1, 2024, initial employment status and 325 any changes in status must be reported within 10 business days 326 after a person receives his or her initial status or after a 327 change in the person's status has been made. 2. Effective January 1, 2024, initial status and any 328 329 changes in status must be reported within 5 business days after 330 a person receives his or her initial status or after a change in 331 the person's status has been made. 332 (d) An employer or a qualified entity participating in the 333 clearinghouse must register with and initiate all criminal 955767 5/2/2023 8:15 PM

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history checks through the clearinghouse before referring an 334 employee or potential employee or a person with a current or 335 336 potential affiliation with a qualified entity for electronic 337 fingerprint submission to the Department of Law Enforcement. The 338 registration must include the person's employee's full first 339 name, middle initial, and last name; social security number; 340 date of birth; mailing address; sex; and race. Individuals, 341 persons, applicants, and controlling interests that cannot 342 legally obtain a social security number must provide an 343 individual taxpayer identification number.

344 (3) (a) Employees of each district unit under s. 1001.30, 345 special district units under s. 1011.24, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind under s. 1002.36, the Florida Virtual 346 347 School under s. 1002.37, virtual instruction programs under s. 348 1002.45, charter schools under s. 1002.33, hope operators under 349 s. 1002.333, private schools participating in an educational 350 scholarship program established pursuant to chapter 1002, and 351 alternative schools under s. 1008.341 must be rescreened in 352 compliance with the following schedule:

353 1. Employees for whom the last screening was conducted on 354 or before June 30, <u>2021</u> 2019, must be rescreened by June 30, 355 <u>2025</u> 2024.

356 2. Employees for whom the last screening was conducted 357 between July 1, <u>2021</u> 2019, and June 30, <u>2022</u> 2021, must be 358 rescreened by June 30, <u>2026</u> 2025.

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359 3. Employees for whom the last screening was conducted between July 1, 2022 2021, and December 31, 2023 2022, must be 360 361 rescreened by June 30, 2027 2026. 362 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraphs (a) 363 and (b) of subsection (2), and subsection (4) of section 364 943.0438, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 365 943.0438 Athletic coaches for independent sanctioning 366 authorities.-367 (1) As used in this section, the term: 368 (a) "Athletic coach" means a person who: 1. Is authorized by an independent sanctioning authority 369 370 to work as a coach, assistant coach, manager, or referee for 20 371 or more hours within a calendar year, whether for compensation 372 or as a volunteer, for a youth athletic team based in this 373 state; and 374 2. Has direct contact with one or more minors on the youth 375 athletic team. 376 (2) An independent sanctioning authority shall: 377 (a) 1. Conduct a level 2 1 background screening under s. 378 435.04 pursuant to s. 435.03 of each current and prospective athletic coach. The authority may not delegate this 379 responsibility to an individual team and may not authorize any 380 381 person to act as an athletic coach unless a level 2 1 background 382 screening is conducted and does not result in disqualification under paragraph (b). Level 1 background screenings shall be 383 955767

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conducted annually for each athletic coach. For purposes of this 384 section, a background screening shall include a search of the 385 386 athletic coach's name or other identifying information against 387 state and federal registries of sexual predators and sexual 388 offenders, which are available to the public on Internet sites 389 provided by: 390 a. The Department of Law Enforcement under s. 943.043; and 391 b. The Attorney General of the United States under 42 U.S.C. s. 16920. 392 393 2. For purposes of this section, a background screening 394 conducted by a commercial consumer reporting agency in 395 compliance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act using the 396 identifying information referenced in subparagraph 1. that 397 includes a level 1 background screening and a search of that 398 information against the sexual predator and sexual offender 399 Internet sites listed in sub-subparagraphs 1.a. and b. shall be 400 deemed to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph. 401 (b)1. Before January 1, 2026, or a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration for the 402 403 participation of qualified entities in the Care Provider 404 Background Screening Clearinghouse under s. 435.12, disqualify 405 any person from acting as an athletic coach as provided in s. 406 435.04 s. 435.03 or if he or she is identified on a registry described in paragraph (a). The authority may allow a person 407 408 disqualified under this subparagraph paragraph to act as an 955767

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409 athletic coach if it determines that the person meets the 410 requirements for an exemption from disqualification under s. 411 435.07.

412 2. On or after January 1, 2026, or a later date as 413 determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, not 414 allow any person to act as an athletic coach if he or she does 415 not pass the background screening qualifications in s. 435.04. 416 The authority may allow a person disqualified under this 417 subparagraph to act as an athletic coach if the person has 418 successfully completed the exemption from the disqualification 419 process under s. 435.07.

(4) The Legislature encourages Independent sanctioning
authorities for youth athletic teams <u>must</u> to participate in the
Volunteer and Employee Criminal History System, as authorized by
the National Child Protection Act of 1993 and s. 943.0542.

424 Section 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section 425 943.05, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (i) is added 426 to that subsection, to read:

943.05 Criminal Justice Information Program; duties; crime
reports.-

(2) The program shall:

(h) For each <u>specified</u> agency, as defined in s. 435.02,

431 each qualified entity participating in the Care Provider

432 Background Screening Clearinghouse under s. 435.12, or any other

433 <u>agency or</u> qualified entity that officially requests retention of 955767

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fingerprints or for which retention is otherwise required by law, search all arrest fingerprint submissions received under s. 943.051 against the fingerprints retained in the statewide automated biometric identification system under paragraph (g).

1. Any arrest record that is identified with the retained fingerprints of a person subject to background screening as provided in paragraph (g) <u>must shall</u> be reported to the appropriate agency or qualified entity.

442 2. To participate in this search process, agencies or 443 qualified entities must notify each person fingerprinted that 444 his or her fingerprints will be retained, pay an annual fee to 445 the department unless otherwise provided by law, and inform the 446 department of any change in the affiliation, employment, or 447 contractual status of each person whose fingerprints are 448 retained under paragraph (g) if such change removes or 449 eliminates the agency or qualified entity's basis or need for 450 receiving reports of any arrest of that person, so that the 451 agency or qualified entity is not obligated to pay the upcoming 452 annual fee for the retention and searching of that person's 453 fingerprints to the department. The department shall adopt a rule setting the amount of the annual fee to be imposed upon 454 455 each participating agency or qualified entity for performing 456 these searches and establishing the procedures for the retention 457 of fingerprints and the dissemination of search results. The fee may be borne by the agency, qualified entity, or person subject 458 955767

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to fingerprint retention or as otherwise provided by law. 459 460 Consistent with the recognition of criminal justice agencies 461 expressed in s. 943.053(3), these services must shall be 462 provided to criminal justice agencies for criminal justice 463 purposes free of charge. Qualified entities that elect to 464 participate in the fingerprint retention and search process are 465 required to timely remit the fee to the department by a payment 466 mechanism approved by the department. If requested by the 467 qualified entity, and with the approval of the department, such 468 fees may be timely remitted to the department by a qualified 469 entity upon receipt of an invoice for such fees from the 470 department. Failure of a qualified entity to pay the amount due 471 on a timely basis or as invoiced by the department may result in 472 the refusal by the department to permit the qualified entity to 473 continue to participate in the fingerprint retention and search 474 process until all fees due and owing are paid.

475 Agencies that participate in the fingerprint retention 3. 476 and search process may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) 477 and 120.54 to require employers to keep the agency informed of any change in the affiliation, employment, or contractual status 478 of each person whose fingerprints are retained under paragraph 479 480 (q) if such change removes or eliminates the agency's basis or 481 need for receiving reports of any arrest of that person, so that 482 the agency is not obligated to pay the upcoming annual fee for

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the retention and searching of that person's fingerprints to the 483 484 department. 485 (i) Develop, for federal approval, a method for 486 identifying or verifying a person through automated biometrics. 487 Section 7. Subsections (2) through (6) of section 488 943.0542, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 489 943.0542 Access to criminal history information provided 490 by the department to qualified entities.-491 (2) (a) A qualified entity conducting background criminal 492 history checks under this section must: 493 1. Register with the department before submitting a 494 request for screening under this section. Each such request must 495 be voluntary and conform to the requirements established in the 496 National Child Protection Act of 1993, as amended. As a part of 497 the registration, the qualified entity must agree to comply with 498 state and federal law and must so indicate by signing an 499 agreement approved by the department. The department shall may 500 periodically audit qualified entities to ensure compliance with 501 federal law and this section. 2. Before January 1, 2026, or a later date as determined 502 503 by the Agency for Health Care Administration, 504 (b) A qualified entity shall submit to the department, and 505 effective January 1, 2026, or a later date as determined by the 506 Agency for Health Care Administration, submit to the agency a request for screening an employee or volunteer or person 507 955767 5/2/2023 8:15 PM

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applying to be an employee or volunteer by submitting fingerprints, or the request may be submitted electronically. The qualified entity must maintain a signed waiver allowing the release of the state and national criminal history record information to the qualified entity.

513 (b) (c) Each such request for screening must be accompanied 514 by payment of a fee for a statewide criminal history check by 515 the department established by s. 943.053, plus the amount 516 currently prescribed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 517 the national criminal history check in compliance with the 518 National Child Protection Act of 1993, as amended. Payments must 519 be made in the manner prescribed by the department or agency by 520 rule.

521 (c)(d) Any current or prospective employee or volunteer 522 who is subject to a request for screening must indicate to the 523 qualified entity submitting the request the name and address of 524 each qualified entity that has submitted a previous request for 525 screening regarding that employee or volunteer.

526 (d) Effective January 1, 2026, or a later date as 527 determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, a 528 qualified entity initiating a background criminal history check 529 under this section must comply with s. 435.12, and all 530 fingerprints received pursuant to this section must be entered 531 into the clearinghouse as provided in s. 435.12.

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532 (3)Through December 31, 2025, or a later date as 533 determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the 534 department shall provide directly to the qualified entity the 535 state criminal history records that are not exempt from 536 disclosure under chapter 119 or otherwise confidential under 537 law. A person who is the subject of a state criminal history 538 record may challenge the record only as provided in s. 943.056. 539 Effective January 1, 2026, or a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Care Provider 540 541 Background Screening Clearinghouse may provide such records to 542 the qualified entity only if the person challenges the record as 543 provided in this subsection.

544 The national criminal history data is available to (4) 545 qualified entities to use only for the purpose of screening 546 employees and volunteers or persons applying to be an employee 547 or volunteer with a qualified entity. Through December 31, 2026, 548 or a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care 549 Administration, the department shall provide this national 550 criminal history record information directly to the qualified 551 entity as authorized by the written waiver required for 552 submission of a request to the department. Effective January 1, 553 2026, or a later date as determined by the Agency for Health 554 Care Administration, the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse may provide such record information to the 555

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556	qualified entity only if the person requests an exemption from
557	the qualified entity under s. 435.07.
558	(5) The entity making the determination regarding
559	screening shall apply the criteria under s. 435.04(2) to the
560	state and national criminal history record information received
561	from the department for those persons subject to screening. The
562	determination whether the criminal history record shows that the
563	employee or volunteer has <u>not</u> been <u>arrested for and is awaiting</u>
564	final disposition of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a
565	plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or has been adjudicated
566	delinquent and the record has not been sealed or expunged for,
567	any offense listed under s. 435.02(2) convicted of or is under
568	pending indictment for any crime that bears upon the fitness of
569	the employee or volunteer to have responsibility for the safety
570	and well-being of children, the elderly, or disabled persons
571	shall solely be made by the qualified entity <u>through December</u>
572	31, 2025, or a later date as determined by the Agency for Health
573	Care Administration. Beginning January 1, 2026, or a later date
574	as determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the
575	Agency for Health Care Administration shall determine the
576	eligibility of the employee or volunteer of a qualified entity.
577	This section does not require the department to make such a
578	determination on behalf of any qualified entity.
579	(6) The qualified entity or, effective January 1, 2026, or
580	a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care
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581 Administration, the Care Provider Background Screening 582 Clearinghouse must notify in writing the person of his or her 583 right to obtain a copy of any background screening report, 584 including the criminal history records, if any, contained in the 585 report, and of the person's right to challenge the accuracy and 586 completeness of any information contained in any such report and 587 to obtain a determination as to the validity of such challenge 588 before a final determination regarding the person is made by the 589 qualified entity reviewing the criminal history information. A 590 qualified entity that is required by law to apply screening 591 criteria, including any right to contest or request an exemption 592 from disqualification, shall apply such screening criteria to 593 the state and national criminal history record information 594 received from the department for those persons subject to the 595 required screening.

596 Section 8. Section 1012.315, Florida Statutes, is amended 597 to read:

598 1012.315 Screening standards.—A person is ineligible for 599 educator certification or employment in any position that 600 requires direct contact with students in a district school 601 system, a charter school, or a private school that participates 602 in a state scholarship program under chapter 1002 if the person:

603 (1) Is on the disqualification list maintained by the 604 department <u>under</u> pursuant to s. 1001.10(4)(b); τ

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605	(2) Is registered as a sex offender as described in 42
606	U.S.C. s. 9858f(c)(1)(C);
607	(3) Is ineligible based on a security background
608	investigation under s. 435.04(2). Beginning January 1, 2025, or
609	a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care
610	Administration, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall
611	determine the eligibility of employees in any position that
612	requires direct contact with students in a district school
613	system, a charter school, or a private school that participates
614	<u>in a state scholarship program under chapter 1002;</u>
615	(4) Would be ineligible for an exemption under s.
616	435.07(4)(c); or, or has been convicted or found guilty of, has
617	had adjudication withheld for, or has pled guilty or nolo
618	contendere to:
619	(1) Any felony offense prohibited under any of the
620	following statutes:
621	(a) Section 393.135, relating to sexual misconduct with
622	certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such
623	sexual misconduct.
624	(b) Section 394.4593, relating to sexual misconduct with
625	certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual
626	misconduct.
627	(c) Section 415.111, relating to adult abuse, neglect, or
628	exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.
629	(d) Section 782.04, relating to murder.
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630	(e) Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter; aggravated
631	manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult; aggravated
632	manslaughter of a child; or aggravated manslaughter of an
633	officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a
634	paramedic.
635	(f) Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.
636	(g) Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.
637	(h) Section 784.075, relating to battery on a detention or
638	commitment facility staff member or a juvenile probation
639	officer.
640	(i) Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
641	(j) Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.
642	(k) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a
643	child.
644	(1) Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking,
645	enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
646	concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending
647	custody proceedings.
648	(m) Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking,
649	enticing, or removing a minor beyond the state limits, or
650	concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending
651	dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged abuse
652	or neglect of a minor.

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653	(n) Section 790.115(1), relating to exhibiting firearms or
654	weapons at a school-sponsored event, on school property, or
655	within 1,000 feet of a school.
656	(o) Section 790.115(2)(b), relating to possessing an
657	electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon
658	at a school-sponsored event or on school property.
659	(p) Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
660	(q) Former s. 794.041, relating to sexual activity with or
661	solicitation of a child by a person in familial or custodial
662	authority.
663	(r) Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity
664	with certain minors.
665	(s) Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.
666	(t) Chapter 796, relating to prostitution.
667	(u) Chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent
668	exposure.
669	(v) Section 800.101, relating to offenses against students
670	by authority figures.
671	(w) Section 806.01, relating to arson.
672	(x) Section 810.14, relating to voyeurism.
673	(y) Section 810.145, relating to video voyeurism.
674	(z) Section 812.014(6), relating to coordinating the
675	commission of theft in excess of \$3,000.
676	(aa) Section 812.0145, relating to theft from persons 65
677	years of age or older.
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678	(bb) Section 812.019, relating to dealing in stolen
679	property.
680	(cc) Section 812.13, relating to robbery.
681	(dd) Section 812.131, relating to robbery by sudden
682	snatching.
683	(ee) Section 812.133, relating to carjacking.
684	(ff) Section 812.135, relating to home-invasion robbery.
685	(gg) Section 817.563, relating to fraudulent sale of
686	controlled substances.
687	(hh) Section 825.102, relating to abuse, aggravated abuse,
688	or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
689	(ii) Section 825.103, relating to exploitation of an
690	elderly person or disabled adult.
691	(jj) Section 825.1025, relating to lewd or lascivious
692	offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person
693	or disabled person.
694	(kk) Section 826.04, relating to incest.
695	(11) Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated
696	child abuse, or neglect of a child.
697	(mm) Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the
698	delinguency or dependency of a child.
699	(nn) Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a
700	child.
701	(oo) Section 843.01, relating to resisting arrest with
702	violence.
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703	(pp) Chapter 847, relating to obscenity.
704	(qq) Section 874.05, relating to causing, encouraging,
705	soliciting, or recruiting another to join a criminal street
706	gang.
707	(rr) Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention and
708	control, if the offense was a felony of the second degree or
709	greater severity.
710	(ss) Section 916.1075, relating to sexual misconduct with
711	certain forensic clients and reporting of such sexual
712	misconduct.
713	(tt) Section 944.47, relating to introduction, removal, or
714	possession of contraband at a correctional facility.
715	(uu) Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in
716	juvenile justice programs.
717	(vv) Section 985.711, relating to introduction, removal,
718	or possession of contraband at a juvenile detention facility or
719	commitment program.
720	(2) Any misdemeanor offense prohibited under any of the
721	following statutes:
722	(a) Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of
723	the offense was a minor.
724	(b) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a
725	child.

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726 (5) (3) Has been convicted or found guilty of, has had 727 adjudication withheld for, or has pled guilty or nolo contendere 728 to:

729 <u>(a)</u> Any criminal act committed in another state or under 730 federal law which, if committed in this state, constitutes <u>a</u> 731 <u>disqualifying</u> an offense prohibited under any statute listed in 732 <u>s. 435.04(2)</u> subsection (1) or subsection (2).

733 (b) (4) Any delinquent act committed in this state or any 734 delinquent or criminal act committed in another state or under 735 federal law which, if committed in this state, qualifies an 736 individual for inclusion on the Registered Juvenile Sex Offender 737 List under s. 943.0435(1)(h)1.d.

738 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph 739 (a) of subsection (7) of section 1012.467, Florida Statutes, are 740 amended to read:

741 1012.467 Noninstructional contractors who are permitted 742 access to school grounds when students are present; background 743 screening requirements.-

(2) (a) A fingerprint-based criminal history check <u>must</u> shall be performed on each noninstructional contractor who is permitted access to school grounds when students are present, whose performance of the contract with the school or school board is not anticipated to result in direct contact with students, and for whom any unanticipated contact would be infrequent and incidental using the process described in s. 955767

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751 1012.32(3). The results of each criminal history check must 752 shall be reported to the school district in which the individual 753 is seeking access and entered into the shared system described 754 in subsection (7). The school district shall screen the results 755 using the disqualifying offenses in paragraph (b). Beginning 756 January 1, 2025, or a later date as determined by the Agency for 757 Health Care Administration, the Agency for Health Care 758 Administration shall determine the eligibility of a 759 noninstructional contractor. The cost of the criminal history 760 check may be borne by the district school board, the school, or 761 the contractor.

762 (7) (a) The Department of Law Enforcement shall implement a 763 system that allows for the results of a criminal history check 764 provided to a school district to be shared with other school 765 districts through a secure Internet website or other secure 766 electronic means. School districts must accept reciprocity of 767 level 2 screenings for Florida High School Athletic Association 768 officials. Beginning January 1, 2025, or a later date as 769 determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the 770 background screening must be conducted through the Care Provider 771 Background Screening Clearinghouse under s. 435.12. Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 772

- 773 1012.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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1012.56 Educator certification requirements.-

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775 (10) BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIRED, INITIALLY AND 776 PERIODICALLY.-777 (a) Each person who seeks certification under this chapter 778 must be fingerprinted and screened in accordance with s. 1012.32 779 and must not be ineligible for such certification under s. 780 1012.315. A person who has been screened in accordance with s. 781 1012.32 by a district school board or the Department of 782 Education within 12 months before the date the person initially 783 obtains certification under this chapter, the results of which 784 are submitted to the district school board or to the Department 785 of Education, is not required to repeat the screening under this 786 paragraph. Beginning January 1, 2025, or a later date as 787 determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the 788 background screening must be conducted through the Care Provider 789 Background Screening Clearinghouse under s. 435.12. 790 Section 11. (1) Sections 1001.10, 1001.42, 1001.51, 791 1002.33, 1002.333, 1002.421, 1012.32, 1012.56, 1012.795, and 792 1012.796, Florida Statutes, are reenacted for the purpose of 793 incorporating the amendments made by this act to s. 1012.315, 794 Florida Statutes, in references thereto. 795 (2) Section 1012.468, Florida Statutes, is reenacted for 796 the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to s. 1012.467, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto. 797 798 Section 12. The changes made to s. 435.12, Florida 799 Statutes, by this act must be implemented by January 1, 2025, or 955767

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800	a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care
801	Administration.
802	Section 13. (1) For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sums
803	of \$400,000 in recurring funds from the Health Care Trust Fund
804	and \$4 million in nonrecurring funds from the Health Care Trust
805	Fund are appropriated to the Agency for Health Care
806	Administration.
807	(2) This section shall take effect July 1, 2023.
808	Section 14. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
809	act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
810	this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
811	2024.
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	TITLE AMENDMENT Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
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814 815	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
814 815 816	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled
814 815 816 817	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to level 2 background screenings;
814 815 816 817 818	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to level 2 background screenings; amending s. 435.02, F.S.; revising and providing
814 815 816 817 818 819	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to level 2 background screenings; amending s. 435.02, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 435.04, F.S.; requiring
814 815 816 817 818 819 820	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to level 2 background screenings; amending s. 435.02, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 435.04, F.S.; requiring persons with an affiliation to certain qualified
814 815 816 817 818 819 820 821	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to level 2 background screenings; amending s. 435.02, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 435.04, F.S.; requiring persons with an affiliation to certain qualified entities to undergo security background
814 815 816 817 818 819 820 821 822	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to level 2 background screenings; amending s. 435.02, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 435.04, F.S.; requiring persons with an affiliation to certain qualified entities to undergo security background investigations; expanding authorized records that may

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825 background screening requirements; removing obsolete language; amending s. 435.07, F.S.; authorizing the 826 head of a qualified entity to grant a person with an 827 828 affiliation an exemption from disgualification under 829 certain circumstances; conforming provisions to 830 changes made by the act; amending s. 435.12, F.S.; 831 authorizing certain qualified entities to participate 832 in the Care Provider Background Screening 833 Clearinghouse beginning on a specified date; requiring 834 the Agency for Health Care Administration to perform 835 certain actions beginning on a specified date; 836 requiring the clearinghouse to share eligibility 837 determinations with certain entities; requiring 838 certain persons with a certain break in service from a 839 position with a qualified entity to submit to a 840 national screening beginning on a specified date; 841 revising the timeframe for certain reporting 842 requirements; revising deadlines for rescreening 843 certain employees; removing obsolete language; 844 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 943.0438, F.S.; revising the definition of 845 846 the term "athletic coach"; requiring level 2, instead 847 of level 1, background screenings for current and 848 prospective athletic coaches; providing timeframes for 849 independent sanctioning authorities to disgualify 955767

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850 certain persons from acting as an athletic coach for 851 certain reasons; requiring independent sanctioning 852 authorities to participate in a specified system; 853 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 854 amending s. 943.05, F.S.; expanding the agencies and 855 entities which may use the Criminal Justice 856 Information Program; requiring the program to develop, 857 for federal approval, a specified method for 858 identifying or verifying an individual; amending s. 859 943.0542, F.S.; requiring qualified entities to submit 860 a request for screening to the Department of Law 861 Enforcement or, after a specified date, the Agency for 862 Health Care Administration; specifying how payments 863 for a statewide criminal history check are to be made; 864 providing requirements for certain qualified entities; 865 specifying when the clearinghouse may provide certain 866 records to a qualified entity; requiring entities 867 making determinations regarding screening to apply 868 certain criteria; revising standards for 869 determinations of whether a criminal history record 870 shows certain information; requiring the agency to 871 make certain determinations regarding the eligibility 872 of certain employees or volunteers beginning on a 873 specified date; requiring the clearinghouse to provide 874 certain notifications beginning on a specified date; 955767

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875 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 876 amending s. 1012.315, F.S.; revising screening 877 requirements for specified individuals; requiring the agency to make certain determinations regarding the 878 879 eligibility of certain employees beginning on a 880 specified date; conforming provisions to changes made 881 by the act; amending s. 1012.467, F.S.; requiring the 882 agency to make certain determinations regarding the 883 eligibility of certain noninstructional contractors 884 beginning on a specified date; requiring background 885 screenings to be conducted by the clearinghouse 886 beginning on a specified date; amending s. 1012.56, 887 F.S.; requiring the records of a person applying for 888 educator certification to be referred to the agency 889 beginning on a specified date; requiring background 890 screening to be conducted by the clearinghouse 891 beginning on a specified date; reenacting ss. 1001.10, 892 1001.42, 1001.51, 1002.33, 1002.333, 1002.421, 893 1012.32, 1012.56, 1012.795, and 1012.796, F.S., to 894 incorporate the amendments made by this act to s. 1012.315, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 895 896 1012.468, F.S., to incorporate the amendments made by 897 this act to s. 1012.467, F.S., in a reference thereto; 898 providing an appropriation; requiring that certain 899 provisions be implemented by the later of a specified 955767

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900 date or a date determined by the agency; providing 901 effective dates.

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