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Introduced by M. of A. CLARK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to background investigations of all after-school program personnel

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3001-e to read as follows:

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- S 3001-E. INVESTIGATION OF AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS. 1. EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CONDUCT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS OF ALL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN SUCH DISTRICT.
- 2. EACH DISTRICT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REQUIRING ALL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUBMIT TO MANDATO-RY FINGERPRINTING PROCEDURES AND BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRES.
- 3. EVERY PERSON, AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT IN AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED, COMPLETE A BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE AND SIGN A DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY REGARDING ANY PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS.
- 4. NO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM EMPLOYEE SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO WORK INVOLV-16 ING THE CARE, CUSTODY OR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD IF IT IS DETERMINED ON 17 THE BASIS OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION THAT SUCH 18 PERSON HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME.
- 19 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall 20 have become a law; provided, however, that any rules or regulations 21 necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be promulgated 22 on or before its effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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