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Introduced by M. of A. NOLAN -- (at request of the State Education Department) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the fingerprinting of prospective employees of approved private special education schools, phasing-in a requirement that all fingerprints submitted by prospective employees and applicants for certification be electronically submitted, authorizing boards of cooperative educational services to conduct fingerprinting for non-component districts, special education schools, and applicants for certification, strengthening identification verification practices at fingerprinting sites for the purpose of conducting criminal history record checks and enhancing existing statutory mechanisms to expedite the removal of persons who commit fingerprint fraud; and to amend chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, amending the education law relating to conditional appointment of school district, charter school or BOCES employees, in relation to making permanent certain provisions relating to conditional clearances for employment

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law, paragraph (a) and the opening paragraph and subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, paragraph (b) as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner, in cooperation with the division of criminal justice services and in accordance with all applicable provisions of law, shall promulgate rules and regulations to require the fingerprinting of prospective employees, as defined in section eleven hundred twenty-five of this chapter, of school districts, charter schools and boards of cooperative educational services, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS, and authorizing the fingerprinting of prospective employees of nonpublic and

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

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private elementary and secondary schools, and for the use of information derived from searches of the records of the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation based on the use of such fingerprints. The commissioner shall also develop a form for use by school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services, SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS, and nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools in connection with the submission of fingerprints that contains the specific job title sought and any other information that may be relevant to consideration of the applicant. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AT DESIGNATED FINGERPRINTING ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION TO BE FOLLOWED AT FINGERPRINTING SITES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S IDENTITY AND PRESENT TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CAPABLE OF BEING VERIFIED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND AFFIXED TO THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT HE OR SHE VERIFIED THE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED, WITNESSED THE SIGNATURE AND PROCESSED THE FINGERPRINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. The commissioner shall also establish a form for the recordation of allegations of child abuse in an educational setting, as required pursuant to section eleven hundred twenty-six of this chapter. No person who has been fingerprinted pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or pursuant to section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law and whose fingerprints remain on file with the division of criminal justice services shall be required to undergo fingerprinting for purposes of a new criminal history record check. This subdivision and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto shall not apply to a school district within a city with a population of one million or more, OR TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN SUCH CITY.

(b) The commissioner, in cooperation with the division of criminal justice services, shall promulgate a form to be provided to all such prospective employees of school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services, SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS and nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools that elect to fingerprint and seek clearance for prospective employees that shall:

(i) inform the prospective employee that the commissioner is required or authorized to request his or her criminal history information from the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation and review such information pursuant to this section, and provide a description of the manner in which his or her [fingerprint

cards] FINGERPRINTS will be TAKEN AND used upon submission to the division of criminal justice services;

(ii) inform the prospective employee that he or she has the right to obtain, review and seek correction of his or her criminal history information pursuant to regulations and procedures established by the division of criminal justice services.

S 2. Subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law, as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

(vii) been informed that in the event his or her employment is terminated and such person has not become employed in the same or another school district, charter school, board of cooperative educational services, SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL or nonpublic or private elementary or secondary school within twelve-months of such termination, the commissioner shall notify the division of criminal justice services of such termination, and the division of criminal justice services shall destroy the fingerprints of such person. Such person may request that the commissioner notify the division of criminal justice services that his or her fingerprints shall be destroyed prior to the expiration of such twelve month period in which case the commissioner shall notify the division of criminal justice services and the division shall destroy the fingerprints of such person promptly upon receipt of the request; and

S 3. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law, as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The commissioner shall develop forms to be provided to all school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services, SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS and to all nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools that elect to fingerprint their prospective employees, to be completed and signed by prospective employees when conditional appointment or emergency conditional appointment is offered.

S 4. Subdivision 30 of section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:

(F) AS USED IN THIS SECTION AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, "SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL" SHALL MEAN A STATE SCHOOL OPERATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHTY-SEVEN OR EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER, A STATE-SUPPORTED SCHOOL OPERATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, AN APPROVED PRIVATE NON-RESIDENTIAL OR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE, OR AN APPROVED PROVIDER OF PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES OR PROGRAMS THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH TERM SHALL NOT APPLY TO A SCHOOL OR FACILITY OPERATED OR LICENSED BY A STATE AGENCY OTHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT, UNLESS SUCH SCHOOL OR FACILITY IS ALSO AN APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES OR AN APPROVED PROVIDER UNDER SECTION FORTY-FOUR HUNDRED TEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

S 5. Subdivisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section 1125 of the education law, subdivisions 3, 4 and 6 as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000 and subdivision 5 as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, are amended and a new subdivision 10 is added to read as follows:

3. "Employee" shall mean any person receiving compensation from a school district, NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM, or employee of a contracted service provider or worker placed within the school under a public assistance employment program, pursuant to title nine-B of article five of the social services law, and consistent with the provisions of such title for the provision of services to such

district, its students or employees, directly or through contract, whereby such services performed by such person involve direct student contact.

4. "Volunteer" shall mean any person, other than an employee, who provides services to a school or school district OR NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM, which involve direct student contact.

5. "Educational setting" shall mean the building and grounds of a public school district, NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM, the vehicles provided by the school district for the transportation of students to and from school buildings, field trips, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities both on and off school district grounds, all co-curricular and extra-curricular activity sites, and any other location where direct contact between an employee or volunteer and a child has allegedly occurred, EXCEPT THAT SUCH TERM SHALL NOT APPLY TO A RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL WITH CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL CARE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION FOUR HUNDRED TWELVE-A OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, FOR WHOM ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE OF A CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE ARE SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REPORTING TO THE STATEWIDE CENTRAL REGISTER OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT PURSUANT TO TITLE SIX OF ARTICLE SIX OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW. Such term shall not include a special act school district as defined in section four thousand one of this chapter which shall be subject to article eleven of the social services law.

6. "Administrator" or "school administrator" shall mean a principal of a public school, NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM, charter school or board of cooperative educational services, or other chief school officer.

10. "NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL OR PROGRAM" SHALL MEAN A STATE SUPPORTED SCHOOL OPERATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER THAT DOES NOT HAVE A RESIDENTIAL COMPONENT, AN APPROVED PRIVATE NON-RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE, OR AN APPROVED PROVIDER OF PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES OR PROGRAMS THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH TERM SHALL ALSO APPLY TO AN APPROVED PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL OR APPROVED PROVIDER OF PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION THAT PROVIDES A RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM THAT ALSO PROVIDES A DAY PROGRAM OR OTHER NON-RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM IF THE STUDENTS IN SUCH NON-RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM ARE NOT CHILDREN IN "RESIDENTIAL CARE," AS DEFINED IN SECTION FOUR HUNDRED TWELVE-A OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, FOR WHOM ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE OF A CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE ARE SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REPORTING TO THE STATEWIDE CENTRAL REGISTER OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT PURSUANT TO TITLE SIX OF ARTICLE SIX OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW.

S 6. Subdivision 2 of section 1126 of the education law, as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

2. [In] (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, IN any case where it is alleged that a child was abused by an employee, or volunteer of a school other than a school within the school district of the child's attendance, the report of such allegations shall be promptly forwarded to the superintendent of schools of the school district of the child's attendance and the school district where the abuse allegedly occurred, whereupon both school superintendents shall comply with sections eleven hundred twenty-eight and eleven hundred twenty-eight-a of this article.

(B) IN THE CASE OF A NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL, WHERE IT IS ALLEGED THAT A CHILD WAS ABUSED BY AN EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER OF SUCH NON-RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL, THE REPORT OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS SHALL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SUCH SCHOOL, WHO SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE THAT APPLY TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.

S 7. Subdivision 1 of section 1128-a of the education law, as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

1. Where a superintendent of schools OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR forwards to law enforcement a report as described in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section eleven hundred twenty-six of this article, he or she shall refer such report to the commissioner where the employee or volunteer alleged to have committed an act of child abuse as defined in this article holds a certification or license issued by the department.

S 8. Subdivision 3 of section 1133 of the education law, as added by chapter 180 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

3. Any superintendent of schools OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR who reasonably and in good faith reports to law enforcement officials information regarding allegations of child abuse or a resignation as required by this article shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise result by reason of such actions.

S 9. Paragraph a of subdivision 39 of section 1604 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AT DESIGNATED FINGERPRINTING ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION TO BE FOLLOWED AT FINGERPRINTING SITES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S IDENTITY AND PRESENT TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CAPABLE OF BEING VERIFIED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND AFFIXED TO THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT HE OR SHE VERIFIED THE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED, WITNESSED THE SIGNATURE AND PROCESSED THE FINGERPRINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS

CHAPTER AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.

S 10. Paragraph a of subdivision 39 of section 1709 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AT DESIGNATED FINGERPRINTING ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION TO BE FOLLOWED AT FINGERPRINTING SITES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S IDENTITY AND PRESENT TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CAPABLE OF BEING VERIFIED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND AFFIXED TO THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT HE OR SHE VERIFIED THE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED, WITNESSED THE SIGNATURE AND PROCESSED THE FINGERPRINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.

S 11. Paragraph a of subdivision 9 of section 1804 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

a. The board of education shall, for purposes of a criminal history record check, require the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AT DESIG-

NATED FINGERPRINTING ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION TO BE FOLLOWED AT FINGERPRINTING SITES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S IDENTITY AND PRESENT TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CAPABLE OF BEING VERIFIED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND AFFIXED TO THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT HE OR SHE VERIFIED THE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED, WITNESSED THE SIGNATURE AND PROCESSED THE FINGERPRINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.

S 12. Subparagraph a of paragraph ll of subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AT DESIGNATED FINGERPRINTING ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION TO BE FOLLOWED AT FINGERPRINTING SITES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S IDENTITY AND PRESENT TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CAPABLE OF BEING VERIFIED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND AFFIXED TO THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE

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S 13. Subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph oo to read as follows:

OO. TO PROCESS FINGERPRINTS TO BE UTILIZED IN CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS, NON-COMPONENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND TO ENTER CONTRACTS WITH SUCH SCHOOLS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND TO PROCESS FINGERPRINTS FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCHES PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER FOR APPLICANTS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND FOR APPLICANTS FOR A CHARTER AS A CHARTER SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER. SUCH PROCESSING SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED AT COST AND THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY COSTS INCURRED IN PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES TO ITS COMPONENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DO AND PERFORM ANY AND ALL ACTS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT IN RELATION TO THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES.

S 14. Paragraph a of subdivision 18 of section 2503 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AT DESIGNATED FINGERPRINTING ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION TO BE FOLLOWED AT FINGERPRINTING SITES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S IDENTITY AND PRESENT TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CAPABLE OF

BEING VERIFIED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND AFFIXED TO THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT HE OR SHE VERIFIED THE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED, WITNESSED THE SIGNATURE AND PROCESSED THE FINGERPRINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

S 15. Paragraph a of subdivision 25 of section 2554 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of chapter 91 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

a. Shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AT DESIGNATED FINGERPRINTING ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION TO BE FOLLOWED AT FINGERPRINTING SITES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S IDENTITY AND PRESENT TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CAPABLE OF BEING VERIFIED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND AFFIXED TO THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT HE OR SHE VERIFIED THE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED, WITNESSED THE SIGNATURE AND PROCESSED THE FINGERPRINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

S 16. Subdivision 20 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

20. Ensure compliance with qualifications established for all personnel employed in the city district, including the taking of fingerprints as a prerequisite for licensure and/or employment of such personnel AND, THE TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS AS A PREREQUISITE FOR LICENSURE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS

CHAPTER, THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the division of criminal justice services where it shall be appropriately processed. Furthermore, the division of criminal justice services is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check.

S 16-a. Subdivision 20 of section 2590-h of the education law, as amended by chapter 100 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

20. Ensure compliance with qualifications established for all personnel employed in the city district, including the taking of fingerprints as a prerequisite for licensure and/or employment of such personnel AND, THE TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS AS A PREREQUISITE FOR LICENSURE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be promptly submitted to the division of criminal justice services where it shall be appropriately processed. Furthermore, the division of criminal justice services is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check.

S 17. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a-2) of subdivision 3 of section 2854 of the education law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

(i) The board of trustees of a charter school shall require, for purposes of a criminal history record check, the fingerprinting of all prospective employees pursuant to section three thousand thirty-five of this chapter, who do not hold valid clearance pursuant to such section or pursuant to section three thousand four-b of this chapter or section five hundred nine-cc or twelve hundred twenty-nine-d of the vehicle and traffic law. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the prospective employer shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AT DESIGNATED FINGERPRINTING ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION TO BE FOLLOWED AT FINGERPRINTING SITES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S IDENTITY AND PRESENT TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CAPABLE OF BEING VERIFIED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND AFFIXED TO THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED

BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT HE OR SHE VERIFIED THE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED, WITNESSED THE SIGNATURE AND PROCESSED THE FINGERPRINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. Every set of fingerprints taken pursuant to this paragraph shall be promptly submitted to the commissioner for purposes of clearance for employment.

S 18. Subdivision 1 of section 3004-b of the education law, as separately amended by chapters 147 and 380 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

1. Criminal history records search. Upon receipt of an application for certification as a superintendent of schools, teacher, administrator or supervisor, teaching assistant or school personnel required to hold a teaching or administrative license or certificate, the commissioner shall, subject to the rules and regulations of the division of criminal justice services, initiate a criminal history records search of the person making application, except that nothing in this section shall be construed to require a criminal history record check of an individual who holds a valid provisional certificate on the effective date of this section and applies for permanent certification in the same certificate title, or of an individual who applies for a temporary license to serve in the city school district of the city of New York and has been cleared for licensure and/or employment by such city school district pursuant to subdivision twenty of section twenty-five hundred ninety-h of this chapter. Prior to initiating the fingerprinting process, the commissioner shall furnish the applicant with the form described in paragraph (c) of subdivision thirty of section three hundred five of this chapter and shall obtain the applicant's consent to the criminal history records search. PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AT DESIGNATED FINGERPRINTING ENTITIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, USING ELECTRONIC SCANNING TECHNOLOGY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OUT-OF-STATE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMIT FINGERPRINT CARDS AND ARE NOT FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE FINGERPRINTED ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION TO BE FOLLOWED AT FINGERPRINTING SITES, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IN REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S IDENTITY AND PRESENT TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CAPABLE OF BEING VERIFIED. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE TAKEN BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND AFFIXED TO THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE'S SIGNED, SWORN STATEMENT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHALL SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT, ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ATTESTING THAT HE OR SHE VERIFIED THE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED, WITNESSED THE SIGNATURE AND PROCESSED THE FINGERPRINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. The commissioner shall obtain from each applicant ONE SET, OR WHERE NECESSARY, two sets of fingerprints and the division of criminal justice services processing fee imposed pursuant to subdivision eight-a of section eight hundred thirty-seven of the executive law and any fee imposed by the federal bureau of investigation. The commissioner shall promptly transmit such fingerprints and fees to the division of

criminal justice services for its full search and retain processing. The division of criminal justice services is authorized to submit the fingerprints and the appropriate fee to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check. The division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation shall forward such criminal history record to the commissioner in a timely manner. For the purposes of this section the term "criminal history record" shall mean a record of all convictions of crimes and any pending criminal charges maintained on an individual by the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation. In addition, upon request from an applicant who has applied for employment with the city school district of the city of New York, the commissioner shall have the authority to forward a copy of such criminal history record to the city school district of the city of New York by the most expeditious means available. Furthermore, upon notification that such applicant is employed by the city school district of the city of New York, the division of criminal justice services shall have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the city school district of the city of New York. Upon request from an applicant who has already been cleared for licensure and/or employment by the city school district of the city of New York, such school district shall have the authority to forward a copy of the applicant's criminal history record to the commissioner, by the most expeditious means available, for the purposes of this section. Furthermore, upon notification that such applicant has been certified, the division of criminal justice services shall have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the commissioner. All such criminal history records processed and sent pursuant to this subdivision shall be confidential pursuant to the applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and shall not be published or in any way disclosed to persons other than the commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by law. No cause of action against the department or the division of criminal justice services for damages related to the dissemination of criminal history records pursuant to this subdivision shall exist when the department or division of criminal justice services has reasonably and in good faith relied upon the accuracy and completeness of criminal history information furnished to it by qualified agencies. The provision of such criminal history record by the division of criminal justice services shall be subject to the provisions of subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the executive law. The commissioner shall consider such criminal history record pursuant to article twenty-three-A of the correction law.

S 19. Paragraph b of subdivision 2 of section 3020-a of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 57 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

b. The employee may be suspended pending a hearing on the charges and the final determination thereof. The suspension shall be with pay, except the employee may be suspended without pay if the employee has entered a guilty plea to or has been convicted of a felony crime concerning the criminal sale or possession of a controlled substance, a precursor of a controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia as defined in article two hundred twenty or two hundred twenty-one of the penal law; or a felony crime involving the physical abuse of a minor or student , OR A FELONY CRIME INVOLVING THE SUBMISSION OF FALSE INFORMATION, OR THE COMMISSION OF FRAUD, RELATED TO A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK. The employee shall be terminated without a hearing, as provided for in this

section, upon conviction of a sex offense, as defined in subparagraph two of paragraph b of subdivision seven-a of section three hundred five of this chapter. To the extent this section applies to an employee acting as a school administrator or supervisor, as defined in subparagraph three of paragraph b of subdivision seven-b of section three hundred five of this chapter, such employee shall be terminated without a hearing, as provided for in this section, upon conviction of a felony offense defined in subparagraph two of paragraph b of subdivision seven-b of section three hundred five of this chapter.

S 20. Subdivision 1 of section 3035 of the education law, as amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

1. The commissioner shall submit to the division of criminal justice services ONE SET OR WHERE NECESSARY, two sets of fingerprints of prospective employees as defined in subdivision three of section eleven hundred twenty-five of this chapter received from a school district, charter school or board of cooperative educational services and of prospective employees received from nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools pursuant to title two of this chapter OR A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (F) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, PURSUANT TO TITLE SIX OF ARTICLE SIX OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, OTHER THAN A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, and the division of criminal justice services processing fee imposed pursuant to subdivision eight-a of section eight hundred thirty-seven of the executive law and any fee imposed by the federal bureau of investigation. The division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation shall forward such criminal history record to the commissioner in a timely manner. For the purposes of this section, the term "criminal history record" shall mean a record of all convictions of crimes and any pending criminal charges maintained on an individual by the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation. All such criminal history records sent to the commissioner pursuant to this subdivision shall be confidential pursuant to the applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and shall not be published or in any way disclosed to persons other than the commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by law.

S 21. Subdivisions 3 and 3-a of section 3035 of the education law, subdivision 3 as amended by section 7 of chapter 630 of the laws of 2006 and subdivision 3-a as added by chapter 380 of the laws of 2001, are amended to read as follows:

3. (a) Clearance. After receipt of a criminal history record from the division of criminal justice services and the federal bureau of investigation the commissioner shall promptly notify the appropriate school district, charter school, board of cooperative educational services, [or] nonpublic or private elementary or secondary school, OR SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL whether the prospective employee to which such report relates is cleared for employment based upon his or her criminal history. All determinations to grant or deny clearance for employment pursuant to this paragraph shall be performed in accordance with subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the executive law and article twenty-three-A of the correction law. When the commissioner denies a prospective employee clearance for employment, such prospective employee shall be afforded notice and the right to be heard and offer proof in opposition to such determination in accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, PROVIDED THAT IN THE CASE OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF STATE SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHTY-SEVEN OR EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS

CHAPTER THE DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO SECTION FIFTY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW SHALL APPLY.

(b) Conditional clearance. When the commissioner receives a request for a determination on the conditional clearance of a prospective employee, the commissioner, after receipt of a criminal history record from the division of criminal justice services, shall promptly notify the prospective employee and the appropriate school district, charter school, board of cooperative educational services, [or] nonpublic or private elementary or secondary school OR SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL that the prospective employee to which such report relates is conditionally cleared for employment based upon his or her criminal history or that more time is needed to make the determination. If the commissioner determines that more time is needed, the notification shall include a good faith estimate of the amount of additional time needed. Such notification shall be made within fifteen business days after the commissioner receives the prospective employee's fingerprints. All determinations to grant or deny conditional clearance for employment pursuant to this paragraph shall be performed in accordance with subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the executive law and article twenty-three-A of the correction law.

3-a. Upon request from a prospective employee who has been cleared by the commissioner for employment and/or certification, the commissioner shall have the authority to forward a copy of such criminal history record to the city school district of the city of New York by the most expeditious means available. Furthermore, upon notification that such prospective employee is employed by the city school district of the city of New York OR IS EMPLOYED BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, the division of criminal justice services shall have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the city school district of the city of New York. Upon request from a prospective employee who has been cleared for licensure and/or employment by the city school district of the city of New York OR HAS BEEN CLEARED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR EMPLOYMENT BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, such school district OR CITY shall have the authority to forward a copy of the prospective employee's criminal history record to the commissioner, by the most expeditious means available, for the purposes of this section. Furthermore, upon notification that such prospective employee is employed by a school district outside the city of New York OR BY A SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, the division of criminal justice services shall have the authority to provide subsequent criminal history notifications directly to the commissioner.

S 22. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4212 of the education law, as amended by section 1-a of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(i) consistent with appropriate collective bargaining agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references, and relevant experiential and educational information, [and] sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge, has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction AND, IN THE CASE OF A PROSPEC-

TIVE EMPLOYEE, BE FINGERPRINTED FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (D) OF THIS SECTION;

S 23. Section 4212 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision (d) to read as follows:

(D) (I) THE SCHOOL SHALL REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGERPRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES HOLD VALID CLEARANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OR SECTION THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION FIVE HUNDRED NINE-CC OR TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, OR VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE SCHOOL SHALL FURNISH THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WITH THE FORM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. EVERY SET OF FINGERPRINTS TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTIFICATIONS TO THE SCHOOL FOR ITS EMPLOYEES.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE SCHOOL MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.

S 24. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4314 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(i) consistent with appropriate collective agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references, and relevant experiential and educational information, and sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge, has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction AND, IN THE CASE OF A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE, BE FINGERPRINTED FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (D) OF THIS SECTION;

S 25. Section 4314 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision (d) to read as follows:

(D) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGERPRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, WHO DO NOT HOLD VALID CLEARANCE PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OR PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION FIVE HUNDRED NINE-CC OR TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, OR VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FURNISH THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WITH THE FORM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE

HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. EVERY SET OF FINGERPRINTS TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.

S 26. Paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4358 of the education law, as amended by section 3 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(i) consistent with appropriate collective bargaining agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references and relevant experiential and educational information, and sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge, has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction AND, IN THE CASE OF A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE, BE FINGERPRINTED FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (D) OF THIS SECTION;

S 27. Section 4358 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision (d) to read as follows:

(D) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGERPRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, WHO DO NOT HOLD VALID CLEARANCE PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OR PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION FIVE HUNDRED NINE-CC OR TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, OR VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FURNISH THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WITH THE FORM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. EVERY SET OF FINGERPRINTS TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.

S 28. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 11 of section 4403 of the education law, as amended by section 4 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(a) consistent with appropriate collective bargaining agreements and applicable provisions of the civil service law, the review and evaluation of the backgrounds of and the information supplied by any person applying to be an employee, a volunteer or consultant, which shall include but not be limited to the following requirements: that the

applicant set forth his or her employment history, provide personal and employment references, and relevant experiential and educational qualifications and, sign a sworn statement indicating whether the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge has ever been convicted of a crime in this state or any other jurisdiction AND, IN THE CASE OF A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE, BE FINGERPRINTED FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWENTY-ONE OF THIS SECTION;

S 29. Section 4403 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 21 to read as follows:

21. (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGERPRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF APPROVED PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE BY SUCH SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES HOLD VALID CLEARANCE PURSUANT TO SUCH SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OR PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION FIVE HUNDRED NINE-CC OR TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, OR VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO PROGRAMS OPERATED PURSUANT TO SECTION FORTY-FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT OF THIS ARTICLE BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE SCHOOL SHALL FURNISH THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WITH THE FORM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. EVERY SET OF FINGERPRINTS TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTIFICATIONS TO APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOLS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOL MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.

S 30. Section 4410 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9-e to read as follows:

9-E. A. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE, FOR PURPOSES OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK, THE FINGERPRINTING OF ALL PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF APPROVED PROVIDERS OF SPECIAL SERVICES OR PROGRAMS THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE AND SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES HOLD VALID CLEARANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE THOUSAND THIRTY-FIVE OR THREE THOUSAND FOUR-B OF THIS CHAPTER OR SECTION FIVE HUNDRED NINE-CC OR TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE-D OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW OR A VALID CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES RELATED SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO HIS OR HER INCLUSION ON A LIST OF RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS MAINTAINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR BOARD PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH C OF SUBDIVISION NINE OF THIS SECTION. PRIOR TO INITIATING THE FINGERPRINTING PROCESS, THE PROVIDER SHALL FURNISH ITS

PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WITH THE FORM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL OBTAIN THE APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS SEARCH. EVERY SET OF FINGERPRINTS TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PROMPTLY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PURPOSES OF CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTIFICATIONS TO APPROVED PROVIDERS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. IN THE CASE OF A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTIFICATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE APPROVED PROVIDER MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE PROVIDER TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER.

C. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE SAME EXTENT AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS A BOARD OF EDUCATION OF A UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THIRTY-NINE OF SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED NINE OF THIS CHAPTER. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE EACH MUNICIPALITY OR BOARD IN WHICH SUCH INDIVIDUAL SEEKS TO BE INCLUDED ON A LIST OF RELATED SERVICES OR SPECIAL EDUCATION ITINERANT SERVICES PROVIDERS WITH A COPY OF SUCH INDIVIDUAL'S CRIMINAL CLEARANCE OR DENIAL OF CRIMINAL CLEARANCE, AND IN THE EVENT OF A DENIAL OF CLEARANCE, SUCH MUNICIPALITY OR BOARD SHALL REMOVE THE INDIVIDUAL FROM SUCH LIST UNLESS CRIMINAL CLEARANCE IS SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTIFICATIONS TO EACH MUNICIPALITY OR BOARD IN WHICH SUCH INDIVIDUAL IS INCLUDED ON A LIST OF RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS.

S 31. Section 12 of chapter 147 of the laws of 2001, amending the education law relating to conditional appointment of school district, charter school or BOCES employees, as amended by section 32 of part A of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

S 12. This act shall take effect on the same date as chapter 180 of the laws of 2000 takes effect[, and shall expire July 1, 2014 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed].

S 32. The commissioner of education, in consultation with the department of criminal justice, shall conduct a study or studies (1) of the feasibility and desirability of aligning the fingerprinting process used for criminal history records checks for employment in school districts and boards of cooperative educational services and for certification as a teacher or administrator, to the statewide vendor managed network administered by the division of criminal justice services, and (2) establishing a new fingerprinting process using the statewide vendor managed network administered by the division of criminal justice services for criminal history records checks for licensed professionals under title VIII of the education law. The commissioner of education shall submit a report to the board of regents, the governor and the legislature by no later than January 15, 2014, with recommendations,

including appropriate actions that would need to be taken to align the existing current fingerprinting process and to establish a new fingerprinting process for licensed professionals under title VIII of the education law with the statewide system and any estimated costs and/or savings associated with movement to the statewide system.

S 33. The commissioner of education is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take any other measures necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date on or before such date.

S 34. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that:

a. section thirty-one of this act shall take effect immediately;

b. the provisions of sections one, two, three, four, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight of this act shall apply to prospective employees of special education schools who are appointed on or after such effective date and to individual providers of preschool related services who are placed on lists maintained by the municipality pursuant to subdivision 9 of section 4410 of the education law on and after such effective date;

c. if section 1 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 has not taken effect by the effective date of this act, the amendments to subdivision 5 of section 1125 of the education law, made by section five of this act, shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 1 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 takes effect;

d. the amendments made to subdivision 20 of section 2590-h of the education law by section sixteen of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to subdivision 12 of section 17 of chapter 345 of the laws of 2009, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section sixteen-a of this act shall take effect;

e. if section 1-a of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 shall not have taken effect by the effective date of this act, the amendments to paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4212 of the education law, made by section twenty-two of this act, shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 1-a of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 takes effect;

f. if section 2 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 has not taken effect by the effective date of this act, the amendments to paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4314 of the education law, made by section twenty-four of this act, shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 2 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 takes effect;

g. if section 3 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 has not taken effect by the effective date of this act, the amendments to paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section 4358 of the education law, made by section twenty-six of this act, shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 3 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 takes effect; and

h. if section 4 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 has not taken effect by the effective date of this act, the amendments to paragraph (a) of subdivision 11 of section 4403 of the education law, made by section twenty-eight of this act, shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 4 of part E of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 takes effect.