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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring school  
districts to subject prospective volunteers to fingerprinting and  
background checks prior to commencing work at such school district

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3035 of the education law, as  
2 amended by chapter 630 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. (A) The commissioner shall submit to the division of criminal  
5 justice services two sets of fingerprints of prospective employees as  
6 defined in subdivision three of section eleven hundred twenty-five of  
7 this chapter OR PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF  
8 SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER received from a  
9 school district, charter school or board of cooperative educational  
10 services and of prospective employees OR PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS received  
11 from nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools pursuant to  
12 title two of this chapter, and the division of criminal justice services  
13 processing fee imposed pursuant to subdivision eight-a of section eight  
14 hundred thirty-seven of the executive law and any fee imposed by the  
15 federal bureau of investigation. The division of criminal justice  
16 services and the federal bureau of investigation shall forward such  
17 criminal history record to the commissioner in a timely manner. For the  
18 purposes of this section, the term "criminal history record" shall mean  
19 a record of all convictions of crimes and any pending criminal charges  
20 maintained on an individual by the division of criminal justice services  
21 and the federal bureau of investigation. All such criminal history  
22 records sent to the commissioner pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
23 confidential pursuant to the applicable federal and state laws, rules

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

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1 and regulations, and shall not be published or in any way disclosed to  
2 persons other than the commissioner, unless otherwise authorized by law.  
3 (B) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER  
4 SCHOOL OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO SUBMIT A FORM,  
5 WHICH SHALL BE PRESCRIBED AND FURNISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER, WHICH SHALL  
6 INCLUDE A SWORN STATEMENT CERTIFYING THAT SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER  
7 SCHOOL OR BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONFIRMED THAT SUCH  
8 PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEER IS NOT LISTED ON THE STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY  
9 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SIX-C OF THE CORRECTION LAW PRIOR TO THE DAY SUCH  
10 VOLUNTEER COMMENCES WORK AT SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL OR  
11 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.  
12 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
13 the date on which it shall have become a law.