

SENATE FILE NO. SF0132

First responders-criminal background checks.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Mockler, Johnson and Vasey and
Representative(s) Anderson, R.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Criminal History Record Act;
2 authorizing dissemination of criminal history record
3 information on prospective employees to fire departments,
4 ambulance services providers and local and regional
5 emergency response teams as specified; requiring applicants
6 to submit fingerprints for criminal history record
7 purposes; and providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-19-106(a) by creating a new
12 paragraph (xii) and 7-19-201(a) are amended to read:

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14 **7-19-106. Access to, and dissemination of,**
15 **information.**

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1 (a) Criminal history record information shall be
2 disseminated by criminal justice agencies in this state,
3 whether directly or through any intermediary, only to:

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5 (xii) Any public or private fire department,
6 ambulance service or local or regional emergency response
7 team, using paid employees or volunteers on a full-time or
8 part-time basis, for purposes of obtaining state and
9 national criminal history record information on prospective
10 employees who will respond to emergencies as an employee or
11 volunteer of the fire department, ambulance service or
12 local or regional emergency response team.

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14 **7-19-201. State or national criminal history record**
15 **information.**

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17 (a) The following persons shall be required to submit
18 to fingerprinting in order to obtain state and national
19 criminal history record information:

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21 (i) Employees of substitute care providers
22 certified by the department of family services pursuant to
23 W.S. 14-4-101 through 14-4-116;~~or~~

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1 (ii) State institution, department of family
2 services or department of health employees who may have
3 access to minors, to persons suffering mental illness or
4 developmental disabilities or to the elderly; ~~shall be~~
5 ~~required to submit to fingerprinting for the purpose of~~
6 ~~obtaining state and national criminal history record~~
7 ~~information before employment or transfer to a position~~
8 ~~where access is acquired. On and after July 1, 1996,~~

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10 (iii) Applicants for initial certification by
11 the professional teaching standards board and employees
12 initially hired by a school district on or after July 1,
13 1996, who may have access to minors in the course of their
14 employment; ~~shall be required to submit to fingerprinting~~
15 ~~for the same purposes. For purposes of this article,~~

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17 (iv) Department of health or department of
18 family services contractors providing specialized home care
19 or respite care to minors shall be considered departmental
20 employees;~~;~~

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22 (v) After June 30, 2005, applicants for employee
23 or volunteer positions with any public or private fire

1 department, ambulance service or local or regional
2 emergency response team.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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