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HOUSE BILL 577

Short Title: Authorize LSC/Criminal Record Checks. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lewis.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Finance

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS OF ANY CURRENT OR
3 PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, OR CONTRACTORS OF THE
4 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 120-32 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 **"§ 120-32. Commission duties.**

8 The Legislative Services Commission is authorized to:

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10 (2a) Obtain a criminal history record check of any current or prospective
11 employee, volunteer, or contractor who is under the supervision and control
12 of the Legislative Services Officer. The criminal history record check shall
13 be conducted by the State Bureau of Investigation as provided in
14 G.S. 143B-967. The criminal history report shall be provided to the
15 Legislative Services Officer and is not a public record under Chapter 132 of
16 the General Statutes.

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18 **SECTION 2.** Subpart D of Part 4 of Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the General
19 Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 **"§ 143B-967. Criminal record checks for the Legislative Services Commission.**

21 The Department of Public Safety may provide to the Legislative Services Officer from the
22 State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories the criminal history of any current or
23 prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor of the Legislative Services Commission. The
24 Legislative Services Officer shall provide to the Department of Public Safety, along with the
25 request, the fingerprints of the current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor, a form
26 signed by the current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor consenting to the
27 criminal record check and use of fingerprints and other identifying information required by the
28 State and National Repositories, and any additional information required by the Department of
29 Public Safety. The fingerprints of the current or prospective employee, volunteer, or contractor
30 shall be forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation for a search of the State's criminal
31 history record file, and the State Bureau of Investigation shall forward a set of fingerprints to
32 the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The
33 Legislative Services Officer shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section
34 confidential. The Department of Public Safety may charge a fee to offset the cost incurred by it



1 to conduct a criminal record check under this section. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost
2 of locating, editing, researching, and retrieving the information."

3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.