

Senate Bill 85

An Act relating to record checks for certain employees of the
Department of Revenue; relating to permanent fund dividends

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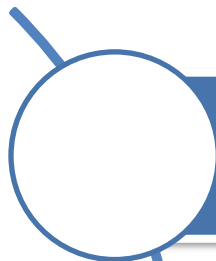
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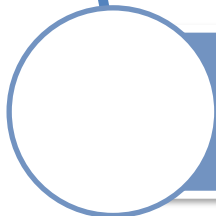
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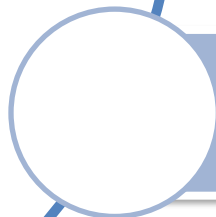
Introductions



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SB 85-Bill Overview

An Act relating to record checks for certain employees of the Department of Revenue; relating to permanent fund dividends

- The proposed legislation provides statutory authority to collect fingerprints for the purpose of conducting background checks on DOR employees including contractors that may have access to personal identifiable information (PII) .
- Allows merchant mariners attending qualified vocational programs to qualify for an allowable absence from the state for eligibility purposes.
- Adds a new subsection to AS 43.23.008 to define the term “education on a full-time basis” for the purposes of calculating allowable absences for students receiving secondary or postsecondary education, vocational, professional, or other specific education.
- Amends AS 43.23.140(d) to allow the division to use electronic notice of levy for individuals who are subjected to a court order or writ for the collection of a debt.

Sections 1, 3 and 5: Background Checks on Employees:

Amends AS 12.62 and AS 43.23 **to authorize the Department of Revenue to collect fingerprints for completion of a national criminal history record check** for the purpose of determining suitability for employment.

The amendment to AS 12.62 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to conduct national criminal history checks for division employees.

Section 2: Adds Definition to “education on a full-time basis”

Adds a new subsection to AS 43.23.008 to **define the term “education on a full-time basis” for the purposes of calculating allowable absences for students receiving secondary or postsecondary education, vocational, professional, or other specific education.**

- The proposed definition would allow the division to include intra-academic year holidays and breaks, but not summer breaks, in the full-time education calculation, as opposed for separately calculating holidays and breaks under the current iteration of the statute.

Section 2: Merchant Mariners

Amends AS 43.23.008(a) to allow **merchant mariners students** training to be Merchant Mariners attending qualified vocational courses to maintain PFD eligibility.

Section 2: New from S L&C CS:

Amends AS 43.23.008(a)

(5) receiving continuous medical treatment recommended by a licensed physician or convalescing as recommended by the physician who treated the illness if the treatment or convalescence is not based on a need for climatic change;

to allow:

(A) 180 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences claimed (i) under (3) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming an absence under (1), (2), or (4) - (16) of this subsection; or (ii) under (5) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming an absence under (1) - (4) or (6) - (16) of this subsection;

Section 4: Electronic Notice of Levy

Amends AS 43.23.140(d) to **allow the division to use electronic notice of levy** for individuals who are subjected to a court order or writ for the collection of a debt.

- Currently, the division is required to provide notice of levy via mail, despite the consent of many applicants to receive electronic notices.

Section 5: Adds transitional regulation language.

Section 6: Adds immediate effective date language.

Section 7: Adds otherwise effective date language as of 1/1/2024.

Thank you

Questions?

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