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Section 1. Requires the Permanent Fund Division to conduct background checks on and fingerprint its employees and applicants for employment within the Division.

Section 2. Modifies the allowable absences for Permanent Fund Dividend eligibility to include:

- Absences for school breaks and holiday, not including summer break, during the academic year.
- Education (1) to become a merchant mariner, and (2) through other vocational programs approved by the United States Coast Guard.
- Prevents medical absences from limiting the length of voluntary absences.
- Changes "armed forces" to "uniformed services".

Section 3. Provides the definition for "uniformed services" to encompass the armed forces and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Public Health Service, and renumbers other provisions of the statute accordingly.

Section 4. Aligns to Sect 1., requiring the Permanent Fund Division to conduct background checks on and fingerprint its employees and applicants for employment within the Division.

Section 5. Makes the names of Permanent Fund Dividend applicants confidential.

Section 6. Allows an opt-in option for Permanent Fund Dividend recipients to receive levy notices electronically.

Section 7. Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2026.