

House Bill 87

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

Department of Revenue

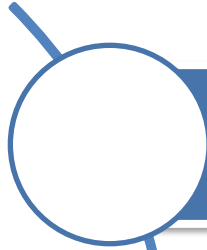
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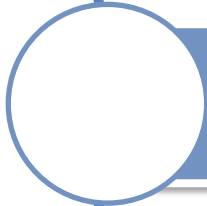
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Introductions



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HB 87 – 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, 2, 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 3: 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 4: 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 6: 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 7: Adds transitional regulation language.

Section 8: Adds immediate effective date language.

Section 9: Adds otherwise effective date language as of 1/1/2024.

Thank you

Questions?

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