



Sectional Analysis
House Bill 87 – Perm Fund; Employment; Eligibility

Sections 1, 2, and 5: 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: Amends AS 43.23.008(a) to allow merchant mariners attending qualified vocational programs to qualify for an allowable absence from the state for eligibility purposes.

Section 4: 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: 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.