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Senate Bill 85 – Perm Fund; Employment; Eligibility

**Sections 1 and 3:** 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:** Amends AS 43.23.008(a) 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. This would allow the division to include intra-academic year holidays and breaks, but not summer breaks, in the full-time education calculation, as opposed to separately calculating holidays and breaks under the current iteration of the statute.

Section 2 also 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 2 also amends AS 43.23.008(a) to extend the allowable absence of continuous medical care to 180 days in addition to the normal amount of time an applicant may be absent from the state.

**Section 4:** 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.