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LETTER OF INTENT

It is the intent of the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee, in passing Committee Substitute for HB 308, that the Revisor of Statutes shall make the appropriate changes in Sections 1 through 3 consistent with HB 183.

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS OF DRAFT HOUSE BILL ON CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS; EFD

- SECTION 1 Provides that criminal history background checks on individuals applying for a position working with children will disclose convictions for "crimes that might pose a risk of harm to a child" (HB 88)
- SECTION 2 In the definition of crimes that might pose a risk of harm to a child, the following crimes were removed from the list provided in HB 88: custodial interference, criminal non-support and driving while intoxicated. (HB 88)
- SECTION 3 This section is section 9 in HB 88, the only change being that information on outstanding warrants could be given out only for the crimes listed in Section 2.
- SECTION 4 Amends the adoption statute to require a criminal background check on any person seeking to adopt a child. (Walsh suggestion)
- SECTION 5 Provides for mandatory criminal background checks on Foster parent applicants (for every adult living in the home) both in-state and through the national computer. The cost of the check (estimated at \$20 for state and national) will be born by the person checked.
- SECTION 6 Immediate effective date.