

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 352

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:8.9(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:8.9(A)(6), relative to criminal  
3 background checks for persons with an early childhood ancillary certificate; to  
4 provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:8.9(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:8.9(A)(6)  
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §8.9. Criminal history reviews for certification, teaching permits, or teacher  
10 authorizations; state repository

11 A.(1) ~~Beginning January 1, 2025, any~~ Any applicant for an initial educator  
12 credential or teaching authorization issued by the State Board of Elementary and  
13 Secondary Education through the state Department of Education shall undergo a  
14 criminal history record check as provided in this Section.

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16 (6) An early childhood ancillary certificate as provided for in rules and  
17 regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
18 through the Administrative Procedure Act shall not require a criminal history record  
19 check as provided for in this Section. An applicant for issuance or renewal of such  
20 certificate may request such check if his certificate was previously denied,  
21 suspended, or revoked.

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1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_