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HOUSE BILL NO. 2118

House Amendments in [] — January 28, 2003

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-634.1, relating to county manager form of government; background checks.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Reid

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-634.1 as follows:**

§ 15.2-634.1. Background checks required for certain employees.

As a condition of employment, any county having the county manager form of government shall require any applicant who is offered or accepts employment, whether full-time or part-time, permanent or temporary [or contractual], at such county's water treatment facility after September 1, 2001, to submit to fingerprinting and to provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded along with the applicant's fingerprints through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding such applicant. Such applicants shall, if required by ordinance, pay the cost of fingerprinting or a criminal records check or both.

The Central Criminal Records Exchange, upon receipt of an applicant's record or notification that no record exists, shall make a report to the county manager or his designee [, who must belong to a governmental entity]. If an applicant is denied employment because of the information appearing in his criminal history record, the county shall notify the applicant that information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange contributed to such denial. The information shall not be disseminated except as provided for in this section.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

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