VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 328

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 15.1 a section numbered 15.1-29.25, relating to exchange of criminal background records.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 15.1 a section numbered 15.1-29.25 as follows:

§ 15.1-29.25. Counties, cities and towns authorized to exchange information.

Applicants for employment as paramedics or emergency medical technicians making application to the personnel office of any city having a population of not less than 260,000 nor more than 264,000 according to the 1990 United States Census shall be required 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 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding such applicant; however, such applicants may be required, if required by local ordinance, to pay the cost of the fingerprinting or 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 local government. If an applicant is denied employment because of information appearing in his criminal history record, the locality shall provide a copy of the information obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the applicant. The information shall not be disseminated except as provided in this section.