

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 25, 2025

3 SENATE BILL NO. 842

By: Murdock

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6 An Act relating to schools; requiring school district
7 boards of education and charter school governing
8 bodies to request a national criminal history record
9 check for volunteers beginning in certain school
10 year; defining term; directing the Oklahoma State
11 Bureau of Investigation to obtain fingerprints and
12 require payment of certain fee; providing for deposit
13 of fee into certain fund; allowing reimbursement of
14 certain search cost; requiring school district boards
15 of education and charter school governing bodies to
16 publish certain notice on certain websites; providing
17 certain exceptions; providing for codification;
18 providing an effective date; and declaring an
19 emergency.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-142.2 of Title 70, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection D of this
section, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, a school district
board of education and the governing body of a charter school shall
request that the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI)
provide a national criminal history record check for a volunteer
prior to the individual volunteering at a school district or charter

1 school site. For the purposes of this section, "national criminal
2 history record check" shall have the same meaning as provided for in
3 Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. OSBI shall
4 obtain fingerprints of the volunteer and require that the person pay
5 a search fee not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or the cost of the
6 search, whichever is the lesser amount. The fee shall be deposited
7 into the OSBI Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 150.19a of
8 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

9 B. A school district board of education or the governing body
10 of a charter school may reimburse volunteers for the cost of the
11 search required by subsection A of this section.

12 C. Each school district board of education and governing body
13 of a charter school shall publish on its website notice of the
14 national criminal history record check required by subsection A of
15 this section and whether the school district or charter school
16 provides reimbursement for the cost of the search, as allowed by
17 subsection B of this section.

18 D. School district or charter school volunteers who meet the
19 criteria provided for in subsection F of Section 5-142 of Title 70
20 of the Oklahoma Statutes may not be required to have a national
21 criminal history record check.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
4 February 25, 2025 - DO PASS
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