

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 842

By: Murdock

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.
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1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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