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Dear Mr. Cutrone;

This letter is in response to your request for the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to provide a report that describes restrictions for employment based on criminal history and to provide a report of actual applicants who underwent criminal background checks. Both reports are pursuant to the Task Force on Inventorying Employment Restrictions Act [20 ILCS 5000].

The IBHE does not have any employment restrictions based on criminal records for (1) employment within the agency; (2) employment pursuant to contracts with the agency; and (3) employment in occupations that the agency licenses or provides certifications to practice. The IBHE, however, is responsible for administering a statutory restriction at facilities that we regulate. Pursuant to Section 35 of the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 [105 ILCS 426] the IBHE must consider the qualifications of governing board members, owners, and senior administrators. "At at minimum, these individuals must be of good moral character and have no felony criminal record." We do not have any history to report regarding this restriction since this is new legislation.

You requested also an accounting of criminal background checks of actual applicants. The IBHE currently employs 34 individuals and has requested a total of three criminal background checks during the two years prior to February 1, 2012.

Please feel free to contact Karen Helland, senior associate director for IBHE at (217) 557-7358 or helland@ibhe.org with any questions or concerns you may have about this matter.

Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,

G.W. Reid
Executive Director