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SENATE BILL 17-189

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING ELIMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT A LAW
102	ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS THE ONLY ENTITY AUTHORIZED TO
103	TAKE FINGERPRINTS FOR PURPOSES OF A BACKGROUND CHECK.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Under current law, there are a number of professions that require fingerprint-based background checks. Some of those fingerprint requirements direct that the fingerprints must be taken by a law enforcement agency. The bill removes the requirement that a law enforcement agency is the only authorized entity able to take the fingerprints. If an approved third party takes the person's fingerprints, the fingerprints may be electronically captured using Colorado bureau of investigation-approved or federal bureau of investigation-approved livescan equipment.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-23-103, amend 3 (2) as follows: 4 10-23-103. Registration requirements - application -5 qualification bond - forfeiture. (2) Prior to submission of an application 6 under this article ARTICLE 23, each applicant shall have his or her 7 fingerprints taken by a local law enforcement agency OR A THIRD PARTY 8 APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION to obtain a 9 fingerprint-based criminal history record check. IF A THIRD PARTY TAKES 10 THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY 11 CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED 12 LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The applicant is required to submit payment by 13 certified check or money order for the fingerprints and for the actual costs 14 of the record check when the fingerprints are submitted to the Colorado 15 bureau of investigation. Upon receipt of fingerprints and receipt of the 16 payment for costs, the Colorado bureau of investigation shall conduct a 17 state and national fingerprint-based criminal history record check utilizing 18 records of the Colorado bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of 19 investigation. 20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-35.5-107, amend 21 (2) as follows: 22 12-35.5-107. License - reciprocity - denial of license 23 **application.** (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1) of this

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1 section, each applicant shall MUST have his or her fingerprints taken by 2 a local law enforcement agency OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE 3 COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION for the purpose of obtaining a 4 fingerprint-based criminal history record check. IF AN APPROVED THIRD 5 PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE 6 ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF 7 INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The applicant is 8 required to SHALL submit payment by certified check or money order for 9 the fingerprints and for the actual costs of the record check at the time the 10 fingerprints are submitted to the Colorado bureau of investigation. Upon 11 receipt of fingerprints and receipt of the payment for costs, the Colorado 12 bureau of investigation shall conduct a state and national 13 fingerprint-based criminal history record check utilizing records of the 14 Colorado bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation 15 and shall forward the results of the criminal history record check to the 16 director. 17

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-42.5-304 as follows:

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12-42.5-304. Criminal history record check. Prior to submission of an application, each designated representative shall MUST have his or her fingerprints taken by a local law enforcement agency OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION for the purpose of obtaining a fingerprint-based criminal history record check. IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The designated representative shall submit payment by certified check or

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1	money order for the fingerprints and for the actual costs of the record
2	check at the time the fingerprints are submitted to the Colorado bureau of
3	investigation. Upon receipt of fingerprints and receipt of the payment for
4	costs, the Colorado bureau of investigation shall conduct a state and
5	national fingerprint-based criminal history record check utilizing records
6	of the Colorado bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of
7	investigation.
8	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend
9	12-43.2-105.5 as follows:
10	12-43.2-105.5. Criminal history record check required. Each
11	applicant for registration shall MUST have his or her fingerprints taken by
12	a local law enforcement agency OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE
13	COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION for the purpose of obtaining a
14	fingerprint-based criminal history record check. IF AN APPROVED THIRD
15	PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE
16	ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF
17	INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The applicant is
18	required to SHALL submit payment by certified check or money order for
19	the fingerprints and for the actual costs of the record check at the time the
20	fingerprints are submitted to the Colorado bureau of investigation. Upon
21	receipt of fingerprints and receipt of the payment for costs, the Colorado
22	bureau of investigation shall conduct a state and national
23	fingerprint-based criminal history record check utilizing records of the
24	Colorado bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation
25	and shall forward the results of the criminal history record check to the
26	director.
27	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-58.5-106, amend

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(2) as follows:

2	12-58.5-106. Private investigator licenses - qualifications - fees
3	- renewal - rules. (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1)
4	of this section, each applicant for a level I or level II private investigator
5	license must have his or her fingerprints taken by a local law enforcement
6	agency OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF
7	INVESTIGATION for the purpose of obtaining a fingerprint-based criminal
8	history record check. IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S
9	FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED
10	USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN
11	EQUIPMENT. The applicant is required to SHALL submit payment by
12	certified check or money order for the fingerprints and for the actual costs
13	of the record check at the time the fingerprints are submitted to the
14	Colorado bureau of investigation. Upon receipt of fingerprints and receipt
15	of the payment for costs, the Colorado bureau of investigation shall
16	conduct a state and national fingerprint-based criminal history record
17	check utilizing records of the Colorado bureau of investigation and the
18	federal bureau of investigation and shall forward the results of the
19	criminal history record check to the director.
20	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-406, amend
21	(1)(c), (2), and (3) as follows:
22	19-3-406. Fingerprint-based criminal history record check -
23	providers of emergency placement for children - use of criminal
24	justice records - definitions - rules. (1) (c) The child may be placed
25	with the relative or other available person if the initial criminal history
26	record check does not reflect a criminal history described in subsection
27	(4) of this section; except that the relative or other person who is not

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disqualified based upon the results of the initial criminal history record check conducted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall report to local law enforcement, or to the county department when the county department has a fingerprint machine, SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A COMPLETE SET OF HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT and undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history record check as described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section and all of the other required background checks described in subsection (4.5) of this section. If AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT.

(2) A relative or other available person who is not disqualified as an emergency placement for a child pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection (1) SUBSECTION (1)(b) of this section and who authorizes a child to be placed with him or her on an emergency basis pursuant to the provisions of this part 4 shall report to a local law enforcement agency or to a county department that has a fingerprint machine for the purpose of providing fingerprints to the law enforcement agency or to the county department SUBMIT A COMPLETE SET OF HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT no later than five days after the child is placed in the person's home or no later than fifteen calendar days when exigent circumstances exist. If the relative or other available person fails to report to the local law enforcement agency or to the county department, if applicable, for fingerprinting within this time period SUBMIT A COMPLETE SET OF HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT, the county department or the law enforcement officer, as appropriate, shall

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1 immediately remove the child from the physical custody of the person.

2 The county department shall confirm within fifteen days after the child

3 has been placed with the relative or other available person that the relative

4 or other available person identified by the county department reported to

5 the local law enforcement agency for fingerprinting SUBMITTED A

6 COMPLETE SET OF HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS within the time period

7 specified by this subsection (2).

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(3) When a person reports to a local law enforcement agency or to a county department that has a fingerprint machine, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, the local law enforcement agency or the county department, if applicable, shall fingerprint the person and When a person submits a complete set of his or her FINGERPRINTS TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL immediately forward the fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the purpose of obtaining a fingerprint-based criminal history record check. Upon receipt of fingerprints and payment for the costs, the Colorado bureau of investigation shall conduct a state and national fingerprint-based criminal history record check utilizing records of the Colorado bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation. The results of the state and national fingerprint-based criminal history record checks conducted pursuant to this section shall be forwarded immediately to the agency authorized to receive the information. If the fingerprint-based criminal history record check indicates that the person has a criminal history described in subsection (4) of this section, the county department or the local law enforcement officer, whichever is appropriate, shall immediately remove the child from the emergency placement and shall not place a child with the person

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who has the criminal history without court involvement and an order of the court affirming placement of the child with the person.

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SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-121, **amend** (1.7)(a) as follows:

22-1-121. Nonpublic schools - employment of personnel **notification by department of education.** (1.7) (a) To facilitate the inquiry permitted by subsection (1) or subsection (1.5) of this section, the governing board of a participating nonpublic school shall require an applicant or employee to submit to the governing board of the school a complete set of his or her fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency, or an authorized school employee, OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The governing board shall forward the set of fingerprints together with a check to cover the direct and indirect costs of conducting a fingerprint-based criminal history record check of the applicant or employee to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the purpose of conducting a state and national fingerprint-based criminal history record check utilizing records of the Colorado bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation. The department shall be IS the authorized agency to receive and disseminate information regarding the result of any national criminal history record check. Any such national check shall MUST be handled in accordance with Pub.L. 92-544, as amended. The department shall notify the governing board whether a fingerprint-based criminal history record check has identified any conviction, plea of nolo

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contendere, deferred sentence, or deferred prosecution described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-110.7, **amend** (1) and (6) as follows:

22-30.5-110.7. Fingerprint-based criminal history record checks - charter school employees - procedures - definitions. (1) A person applying for employment with a charter school to whom an offer of employment is extended shall submit to the charter school a complete set of his or her fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency, or an authorized employee of the charter school and notarized, OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT.

(6) When a charter school finds good cause to believe that a person employed by the charter school has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, other than a misdemeanor traffic offense or traffic infraction, subsequent to such employment, the charter school shall require the person to submit to the charter school a complete set of his or her fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency, or an authorized employee of the charter school, OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The employee shall submit his or her fingerprints within twenty days after receipt of written notification from the charter school. The charter school shall forward the

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1 employee's fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the 2 purpose of conducting a state and national fingerprint-based criminal 3 history record check utilizing the records of the Colorado bureau of 4 investigation and the federal bureau of investigation. 5 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-109.8, amend 6 (1) and (6)(a) as follows: 7 22-32-109.8. Applicants selected for nonlicensed positions -8 submittal of form and fingerprints - prohibition against employing 9 **persons - department database.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in 10 paragraph (a) of subsection (10) SUBSECTION (10)(a) of this section, any 11 person applying to any school district for any position of employment for 12 which a license issued pursuant to article 60.5 of this title TITLE 22 is not 13 required and who is selected for such position of employment by such 14 school district shall submit a complete set of fingerprints of such 15 applicant taken by a qualified law enforcement agency, or authorized 16 employee of such school district and a notarized, OR A THIRD PARTY 17 APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, IN A completed 18 form as specified in subsection (2) of this section. IF AN APPROVED THIRD 19 PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE 20 ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF 21 INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. Said THE fingerprints 22 and form shall be submitted to the school district at the time requested by 23 such school district. (6) (a) When a school district finds good cause to believe that a 24 25 nonlicensed person employed by the school district has been convicted of 26 a felony or misdemeanor other than a misdemeanor traffic offense or

traffic infraction subsequent to his or her employment, the school district

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1	shall require the person to submit to the school district a complete set of
2	his or her fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency OR A
3	THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.
4	IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE
5	FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO
6	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The
7	fingerprints shall be submitted within twenty days after receipt of written
8	notification from the school district. The school district shall forward the
9	fingerprints of the person to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the
10	purpose of conducting a state and national fingerprint-based criminal
11	history record check utilizing the records of the Colorado bureau of
12	investigation and the federal bureau of investigation. If the results of the
13	fingerprint-based criminal history record check completed on or after
14	August 10, 2011, disclose a conviction for an offense described in
15	subsection (6.5) of this section, the school district shall terminate the
16	person's employment.
17	SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-109.9,
18	amend (1)(a) as follows:
19	22-32-109.9. Licensed personnel - submittal of fingerprints.
20	(1) (a) When any school district finds good cause to believe that any
21	licensed personnel employed by such school district has been convicted
22	of any felony or misdemeanor, other than a misdemeanor traffic offense
23	or traffic infraction, subsequent to such employment, such school district
24	shall require such person to submit a complete set of his or her
25	fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency OR A THIRD
26	PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. IF AN
27	APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE

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1	FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO
2	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. Said THE
3	fingerprints shall MUST be submitted within twenty days of receipt of
4	written notification from the school district.
5	SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-103,
6	amend (1)(a) and (6)(a) as follows:
7	22-60.5-103. Applicants - licenses - authorizations - submittal
8	of form and fingerprints - failure to comply constitutes grounds for
9	denial. (1) (a) Prior to submitting to the department of education an
10	application for any license specified in section 22-60.5-201, 22-60.5-210,
11	22-60.5-301, or 22-60.5-306 or for any authorization specified in section
12	22-60.5-111, each applicant shall submit to the Colorado bureau of
13	investigation a complete set of fingerprints of such applicant, taken by a
14	qualified law enforcement agency OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE
15	COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, unless the applicant previously
16	submitted a complete set of his or her fingerprints to the department of
17	education or the Colorado bureau of investigation in connection with an
18	application for a license or authorization specified in this article 60.5. IF
19	AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE
20	FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO
21	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The
22	applicant shall submit the fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a
23	fingerprint-based criminal history record check through the Colorado
24	bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation to
25	determine whether the applicant for licensure or authorization has a
26	criminal history. The applicant shall pay to the Colorado bureau of
27	investigation the fee established by the bureau for conducting the criminal

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history record check. Upon completion of the criminal history record check, the bureau shall forward the results to the department of education.

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(6) (a) When the department of education finds probable cause to believe that an educator licensed or authorized pursuant to this article ARTICLE 60.5 has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, other than a misdemeanor traffic offense or traffic infraction, subsequent to the educator's licensure or authorization, the department of education shall require the educator to submit a complete set of the educator's fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The educator shall submit the fingerprints within thirty days after receipt of the written request for fingerprints from the department of education. The department of education shall deny, suspend, annul, or revoke, pursuant to section 22-60.5-107 (2.5), the educator's license or authorization if he or she fails to submit fingerprints on a timely basis pursuant to this subsection (6).

SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-203, **amend** (4)(b)(I) as follows:

25-3.5-203. Emergency medical service providers - certification - renewal of certificate - duties of department - rules - criminal history record checks - definitions. (4) (b) (I) Any government entity that employs a person as or allows a person to volunteer as an emergency medical service provider in a position requiring direct contact with patients shall require all volunteer and

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employed emergency medical service providers, who have lived in the state for three years or less at the time of the initial certification or certification renewal, to submit to a federal bureau of investigation fingerprint-based national criminal history record check to determine eligibility for employment. Each emergency medical service provider required to submit to a federal bureau of investigation fingerprint-based national criminal history record check shall obtain a complete set of fingerprints taken by a local law enforcement agency, or another entity designated by the department, OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT. The local law enforcement agency or other designated entity that took the fingerprints APPROVED THIRD PARTY OR GOVERNMENT ENTITY shall transmit them THE FINGERPRINTS to the Colorado bureau of investigation, which shall in turn forward them to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check. The department or other authorized government entity is the authorized agency to receive and disseminate information regarding the result of a national criminal history record check. Each entity handling the national criminal history record check shall comply with Pub.L. 92-544, as amended. Each government entity acting as the authorized recipient of the result of a national criminal history record check shall forward the result of the initial national criminal history record check and any subsequent notification of activity on the record to the department to determine the individual's eligibility for initial certification or certification renewal.

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1	SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-90-111, amend
2	(4) as follows:
3	27-90-111. Employment of personnel - screening of applicants
4	- disqualifications from employment. (4) Prior to the department's
5	permanent employment of a person in a position that would require that
6	person to have direct contact with any vulnerable person, the executive
7	director or any division head of the department shall make an inquiry to
8	the director of the Colorado bureau of investigation to ascertain whether
9	the person has a criminal history. The person's employment shall be IS
10	conditional upon a satisfactory criminal background check. Any criminal
11	background check conducted pursuant to this subsection (4) shall MUST
12	include but need not be limited to arrests, conviction records, and the
13	disposition of any criminal charges. The department shall require the
14	person to have his or her fingerprints taken by a local law enforcement
15	agency OR A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE COLORADO BUREAU OF
16	INVESTIGATION. IF AN APPROVED THIRD PARTY TAKES THE PERSON'S
17	FINGERPRINTS, THE FINGERPRINTS MAY BE ELECTRONICALLY CAPTURED
18	USING COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION-APPROVED LIVESCAN
19	EQUIPMENT. The local law enforcement agency DEPARTMENT shall
20	forward those fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the
21	purpose of fingerprint processing utilizing the files and records of the
22	Colorado bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation.
23	The department shall pay for the costs of criminal background checks
24	conducted pursuant to this section out of existing appropriations.
25	SECTION 14. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
26	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
27	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

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- 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
- 4 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
- 5 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
- 6 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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