

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 454****HOUSE BILL NO. 2076**

**By Representatives Maddox, Rowland, Gresham, Harry Brooks, Dunn,  
Watson**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1714**

**By Senators Herron, Raymond Finney, Marrero, Lowe Finney**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-5-56\_\_.

(a) All students wishing to enter approved teacher training programs shall be required to:

(1) Agree to the release of all investigative records to the administrator of the selected teacher training program;

(2) Supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation; and

(3) Sign an authorization and release form provided by the department or board, authorizing a qualified Tennessee licensed private investigation company by and on behalf of the board to complete a criminal history records check.

(b) As used in this subsection (b), "qualified Tennessee licensed private investigation company" means a company that is licensed by the department of commerce and insurance, insured with at least three million dollars (\$3,000,000) worth of errors and omissions insurance and carries sufficient indemnification coverage.

(c) Any reasonable costs incurred by the Tennessee bureau of investigation in conducting such investigation of an applicant shall be paid by the applicant. The applicant shall be provided a copy of all criminal history records check documentation. In lieu of additional criminal history records

checks for subsequent applications to the selected teacher training program, the applicant may submit copies of the applicant's initial criminal history records check documentation and shall not be required to pay any additional costs.

(d) Any criminal history records check performed pursuant to this section shall not be submitted and used for the criminal history records check required under §49-5-413 for employment by an LEA or child care program as defined in §49-1-1102.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 7, 2007**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 18th day of June 2007**

  
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PHIL BREDEESEN, GOVERNOR