

CHAPTER 107  
SB 568 - FINAL VERSION

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2026 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

***568***

AN ACT

relative to the department of safety's procedures for the processing of employee candidate background checks.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Rep. L. Miner, Rock. 7; Rep. Porcelli, Rock. 19; Rep. Rice, Hills. 38; Rep. Rhodes, Ches. 17; Rep. Kuttub, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE:

Executive Departments and Administration

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes department of safety employees who are designated by the commissioner and authorized to receive criminal conviction information to obtain such information from state police for the processing of employee candidate background checks.

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to the department of safety's procedures for the processing of employee candidate background checks.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 107:1 Department of Safety; Employee Candidate Background Checks; Reporting Modified. Amend  
2 RSA 21-P:15-c, III to read as follows:

3 III. To obtain a state records check only, the department shall submit a state criminal history  
4 records release form to the division of state police. To obtain both the federal and the state records  
5 check, the department shall submit the criminal history records release form and applicant fingerprint card  
6 to the division of state police, which shall conduct a criminal history records check through its records and  
7 through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Upon completion of the background investigation, the  
8 division of state police shall report any criminal conviction information to the commissioner *or to a*  
9 *department of safety employee as designated by the commissioner who is authorized to receive criminal*  
10 *conviction information*. The department may submit fingerprint information electronically, in accordance  
11 with procedures established by the division of state police. The department shall maintain the  
12 confidentiality and security of all criminal history records information received pursuant to this paragraph.

107:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 28, 2026  
Effective Date: July 27, 2026