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HOUSE BILL **1363**

AN ACT relative to employee candidate background checks.

SPONSORS: Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Rep. Devoid, Merr. 1; Rep. Lascelles, Hills. 14; Rep. D. Mannion, Rock. 25; Rep. Paquette, Hills. 25; Rep. Reinfurt, Hills. 29; Rep. Rhodes, Ches. 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the commissioner of the department of safety to designate an authorized person to receive criminal conviction information during background investigations.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 167:1 Division of Safety; Employee Candidate Background Checks. Amend RSA 21-P:15-c, III to
2 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.

167:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 19, 2026
Effective Date: August 18, 2026