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HOUSE BILL 15-1328

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING REQUIRING YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS TO REQUIRE**  
102 **CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS OF PERSONS WHO WORK**  
103 **WITH CHILDREN.**

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**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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

A youth sports organization shall require all employees and volunteers who work directly with youth members 5 or more days in a calendar month, and any employee or volunteer who will accompany the youth sports organization on any trip that includes one or more overnight stays, to obtain a criminal history record check.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

A "youth sports organization" means a private, for-profit or not-for-profit organization that provides sports activities designed for the participation of youth 18 years of age or younger.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-6-103.8 as  
3 follows:

4 **26-6-103.8. Application of part - youth sports organizations -**  
5 **background checks required - definitions.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY  
6 PROVISION OF THIS PART 1 TO THE CONTRARY, A YOUTH SPORTS  
7 ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 1 ON THE  
8 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT ONLY TO THE REQUIREMENTS  
9 OF THIS SECTION AND IS OTHERWISE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
10 THIS PART 1.

11 (2) (a) A YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN THE STATE  
12 OF COLORADO SHALL REQUIRE ALL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS WHO  
13 WORK DIRECTLY, OR WILL WORK DIRECTLY, WITH YOUTH MEMBERS FIVE  
14 OR MORE DAYS IN A CALENDAR MONTH, AND ANY EMPLOYEE OR  
15 VOLUNTEER WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION  
16 ON ANY TRIP THAT INCLUDES ONE OR MORE OVERNIGHT STAYS, TO OBTAIN,  
17 PRIOR TO STARTING SUCH WORK OR TAKING SUCH TRIP, AND EVERY TWO  
18 YEARS THEREAFTER, AS MAY BE NECESSARY, A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD  
19 CHECK BY A PRIVATE ENTITY REGULATED AS A CONSUMER REPORTING  
20 AGENCY PURSUANT TO 15 U.S.C. SEC. 1681, ET SEQ., THAT DISCLOSES, AT  
21 A MINIMUM, SEXUAL OFFENDERS AND FELONY CONVICTIONS AND  
22 INCLUDES A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TRACE AND A SEARCH OF THE  
23 COLORADO JUDICIAL PUBLIC ACCESS SYSTEM. THE SEPARATE  
24 BACKGROUND CHECK MUST ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE PERSON BEING

1 INVESTIGATED HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF FELONY CHILD ABUSE AS  
2 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-6-401, C.R.S.; A FELONY OFFENSE INVOLVING  
3 UNLAWFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-22-102 (9),  
4 C.R.S.; OR A COMPARABLE OFFENSE COMMITTED IN ANY OTHER STATE.

5 (b) A YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION SHALL NOT HIRE A PERSON AS  
6 AN EMPLOYEE OR APPROVE A PERSON AS A VOLUNTEER IF A CRIMINAL  
7 HISTORY RECORD CHECK OF THE PERSON PERFORMED PURSUANT TO  
8 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHOWS THAT THE PERSON HAS  
9 BEEN CONVICTED OF FELONY CHILD ABUSE AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
10 18-6-401, C.R.S.; A FELONY OFFENSE INVOLVING UNLAWFUL SEXUAL  
11 BEHAVIOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-22-102 (9), C.R.S.; OR ANY  
12 COMPARABLE OFFENSE COMMITTED IN ANOTHER STATE.

13 (3) A PERSON WHO TAKES PART IN THE ACTIVITIES OF A YOUTH  
14 SPORTS ORGANIZATION BUT WHO IS NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A CRIMINAL  
15 HISTORY RECORD CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION  
16 MUST AT ALL TIMES BE SUPERVISED BY AN EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER WHO  
17 HAS BEEN HIRED OR APPROVED AFTER OBTAINING A CRIMINAL HISTORY  
18 RECORD CHECK PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
20 REQUIRES:

21 (a) "EMPLOYEE" MEANS A PAID EMPLOYEE OF A YOUTH SPORTS  
22 ORGANIZATION WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

23 (b) "VOLUNTEER" MEANS A PERSON WHO VOLUNTEERS HIS OR HER  
24 ASSISTANCE TO A YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION AND WHO IS EIGHTEEN  
25 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6-102, **add** (14)  
27 as follows:

1           **26-6-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
2 otherwise requires:

3           (14) (a) "YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION" MEANS A PRIVATE,  
4 FOR-PROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES PERSONS  
5 WHO ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
6 PARTICIPATE IN SCHEDULED, COMPETITIVE OR RECREATIONAL SPORTING  
7 EVENTS, WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A TEAM.

8           (b) "YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

9           (I) A NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN  
10 SECTION 26-6-103.7;

11           (II) A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL SERVING ANY OF GRADES  
12 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELVE;

13           (III) A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

14           (IV) AN ORGANIZATION THAT MERELY PROVIDES THE  
15 OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN UNSCHEDULED, COMPETITIVE OR  
16 RECREATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS ON A WALK-IN BASIS; OR

17           (V) A SPECIAL SCHOOL OR CLASS OPERATED PRIMARILY FOR A  
18 SINGLE SKILL-BUILDING PURPOSE.

19           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
22 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a  
23 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
24 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
25 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
26 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.