

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4424

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2000

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Ms. GRANGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Volunteer Organization
5 Safety Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION SAFETY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the Director of the Office
3 of Management and Budget makes the determination de-
4 scribed in subsection (b) with respect to a particular State,
5 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the United
6 States Government shall not require, as a condition of
7 completing a criminal history check pursuant to a request
8 originating from that State, into the background of a vol-
9 unteer worker for purposes of determining whether such
10 volunteer worker is fit for the work, that the requesting
11 entity supply the fingerprints of that volunteer worker.

12 (b) DETERMINATION.—The determination referred to
13 in subsection (a) is a determination that—

14 (1) automated fingerprint checks are universally
15 available for volunteer organizations in that State;
16 and

17 (2) a reasonable reduction has occurred in the
18 cost of the check and the length of time required to
19 complete it.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

21 (1) the term “criminal history check” means a
22 State and Federal criminal history check, otherwise
23 authorized by law, through the national criminal his-
24 tory background check system; and

1 (2) the term “State” includes the District of
2 Columbia, Puerto Rico, and each other territory and
3 possession, of the United States.

4 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that, to be effective, a
6 background check must be fast, accurate, cost-effective
7 and performed on everyone having regular contact with
8 young people in a youth service organization.

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