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April 12, 2017

The Honorable Paul Pate Secretary of State of Iowa State Capitol Building LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 547, an Act relating to background investigations conducted by the department of human services.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Terry E. Branstad

Governor

cc:

Secretary of the Senate

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Clerk of the House



House File 547

AN ACT

RELATING TO BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 217.45 Background investigations.

- 1. A background investigation may be conducted by the department of human services on all of the following individuals:
 - a. An applicant for employment with the department.
- b. A contractor, vendor, or employee performing work for the department with access to federal tax information used for purposes of the department.
- 2. An individual subject to this section shall authorize the release of the results of all of the following:
 - a. A work history.
 - b. A state criminal history background check.
- c. A national criminal history check through the federal bureau of investigation.
- 3. An individual subject to this section shall provide the individual's fingerprints to the department. The department shall request the national criminal history check and shall provide the individual's fingerprints to the department of public safety for submission through the state criminal history repository to the federal bureau of investigation.
- 4. The department shall pay the actual cost of the fingerprinting and the national criminal history check, if any,

unless otherwise agreed to as part of a vendor contract or other contract with the department.

- 5. A contractor, vendor, or employee performing work for the department with access to federal tax information used for purposes of the department may be subject to a background investigation by the department at least once every ten years after the date of the initial contract with the contractor or vendor or initial date of hire of the employee.
- 6. The results of background investigations conducted pursuant to this section shall not be considered public records under chapter 22.

LINDA UPMEYER

Speaker of the House

JACK WHITVER

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 547, Eighty-seventh General Assembly.

CARMINE BOAL

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 12, 2017

TERRY E BRANSTAD

Governor