

CHAPTER 333**(House Bill 881)**

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County - Prospective County Employees - Criminal History
Records Checks and Background Investigations**

FOR the purpose of permitting the County Administrator of Washington County to request State and national criminal history records checks ~~from either certain State governmental agencies or independent private investigation agencies or~~ background investigations for prospective employees of Washington County under certain circumstances; requiring the County Administrator of Washington County to pay certain fees ~~either to certain State governmental agencies or to an independent private investigation agencies~~ agency under certain circumstances; authorizing the County Commissioners to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to criminal history records checks and background investigations for prospective employees of Washington County.

BY adding to

Article - Criminal Procedure

Section 10-235

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Criminal Procedure

10-235.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "CENTRAL REPOSITORY" MEANS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

(A) (B) THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IN WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY REQUEST WITH REFERENCE TO A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY:

(1) A STATE AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FROM THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY ~~OR THROUGH~~; OR

(2) A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION FROM AN INDEPENDENT PRIVATE INVESTIGATION AGENCY ~~FOR A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.~~

(C) (1) AS PART OF THE APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK, THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY: