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Bill Summary

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Overview

Directs prospective school district employers to contact the board of teaching and the education department for information about disciplinary actions or reports of child maltreatment involving a prospective teacher. Directs the board and the department to provide the school district with relevant public data. Requires prospective teacher employees to disclose this information on their employment application.

Section

- Investigation of disciplinary actions taken against prospective teachers. (a) Directs a prospective school district employer to contact both the board of teaching to determine whether the board has received reports about the teacher involving grounds for disciplinary action and the education department to determine whether any reports of child maltreatment have been filed against the teacher. Requires the board of teaching and the education department to respond within two business days to the request for information. Directs the prospective school district employer to obtain public data from the board and the department related to the disciplinary action or report of maltreatment. Directs the board and the department to transmit the relevant public data it has to the prospective school district employer within five business days.
 - (b) Directs the prospective school district employer to require a prospective teacher employee to include in their employment application any information about disciplinary actions taken against the individual.