

Subject Professional licensing; preliminary application procedures

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Overview

This bill establishes a procedure for individuals to receive information, via a preliminary application, about whether a criminal conviction or other misconduct record would disqualify them from an occupational or professional license, registration, or certificate.

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Subd. 1. Definition. Establishes a definition of the terms “conviction,” “criminal record,” and “state licensor” or “licensor” for purposes of this bill.

Subd. 2. Scope. Establishes that this section does not apply to applications for licensure, registration, or certification that do not require an applicant to report on the applicant’s criminal record or require a background check of the person’s criminal history. Further provides that the preliminary application process may only be used by a person with a criminal record.

Subd. 3. Preliminary applications. Requires state licensors to permit individuals to submit a preliminary application related to a license, registration, or certificate, for the purpose of determining whether a criminal record or conviction would disqualify the person from receiving that credential. Specific details about the process for submitting the preliminary application are provided, including requirements related to documentation of the record, authorization for the licensor to charge a fee for expenses, and a deadline for the licensor to make a decision on the preliminary application.

Subd. 4. Reports. Requires each state licensor to submit an annual report to the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) that contains statistics on implementation of this section and related outcomes. The annual report is due January 15 of each year. The commissioner of DEED is required to

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compile the reports and submit them to the legislature no later than February 15 of each year.



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