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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 277

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to environment; requiring certain recipients of money appropriated from

1.3 the environment and natural resources trust fund to perform criminal background

1.4 checks on employees, volunteers, and contractors that work with children; proposing

1.5 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. **[116P.22] CHILD PROTECTION BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

1.8 As part of the work plan required by section 116P.05, subdivision 2, a recipient of an

1.9 appropriation from the trust fund that is a children's service provider, as defined in section

1.10 299C.61, subdivision 5, must certify to the commission that it performs criminal background

1.11 checks on all employees, contractors, and volunteers that have or may have access to a child

1.12 to whom the recipient provides children's services.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025, and applies to a recipient

1.14 of money appropriated on or after that date.