House Bill 623

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1	To amend Code Section 35-3-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2	powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to allow the center to
3	retain fingerprints of certain individuals under certain circumstances and submit such
4	fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to provide for an exchange of information
5	to certain entities; to provide for removal of fingerprints under certain circumstances; to
6	provide for fees; to amend Titles 3, 7, 9, 10, 17, 19, 20, 25, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 38, 40, 42, 43,
7	and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to beverages, banking and
8	finance, civil practice, commerce and trade, criminal procedure, domestic relations,
9	education, fire protection and safety, guardian and ward, health, insurance, law enforcement
10	officers and agencies, mental health, military, emergency management, and veterans affairs,
11	motor vehicles and traffic, penal institutions, professions and businesses, and social services,
12	respectively, so as to allow the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and, as authorized, the
13	Federal Bureau of Investigation to retain fingerprints when an agency or entity is
14	participating in the bureau's program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
15	laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

17 **PART I**18 **SECTION 1-1.**

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- Code Section 35-3-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center, is amended by deleting "or" at the end of subparagraph (a)(1)(D), by inserting "or" at the end of subparagraph (a)(1)(E), and by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:
- "(F) Are individuals for whom fingerprint-based criminal history checks are authorized
 by this state's or federal law for the purpose of determining suitability or fitness for
 employment, placement, registration, a permit, or a license for an agency or qualified

entity which is participating in the federal program that allows an ongoing and continuing review of such individual's criminal history; provided, however, that such fingerprints shall be retained and maintained securely and separately from records relating to the identification of criminals, and provided, further, that the center shall not file or retain fingerprints submitted for the purpose of obtaining or renewing a weapons carry license, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-11-125.1;"

SECTION 1-2.

Said Code section is further amended in subsection (a) by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (16), by replacing the period with a semicolon at the end of paragraph (17), and by adding three new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(18) Submit fingerprints obtained pursuant to subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for retention under the rules established by the United States Department of Justice for processing and identification of records. Such fingerprints shall be searched by future submissions to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the center shall send appropriate responses to submitting and subscribing entities;

(19) Remove fingerprints obtained pursuant to subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of this subsection within ten days of being notified that an individual whose fingerprints were retained under such program is no longer employed by, volunteering for, or licensed by the participating agency or qualified entity. It shall also remove such fingerprints when such agency or qualified entity is no longer participating in such program. The center shall also notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation of such information; and

(20) Be authorized to charge an annual subscriber fee not to exceed \$100.00 to any entity which is not a state agency that desires to participate in the program described in

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subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of this subsection."

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- Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 3-3-2, relating to powers of local
- 55 governing authorities as to granting, refusal, suspension, or revocation of licenses generally,
- due process guidelines, and fingerprints, to read as follows:
- 57 "(d) If the local governing authority is participating in the program described in
- 58 <u>subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and</u>
- 59 the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained

pursuant to this Code section for such program and the local governing authority shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

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Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 7-1-684, relating to investigation of applicants for licensure and background checks on employees and others, to read as follows:

"(h) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

71 **SECTION 2-3.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 7-1-703, relating to investigation of applicants and background checks of employees, to read as follows:

74 "(g) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F)

of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of

76 <u>Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code</u>

section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints

were taken of the parameters of such retention."

79 **SECTION 2-4.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 7-1-1004, relating to investigation of applicant and its officers, audit, and education, experience, and other requirements relative to licensees and registrants, to read as follows:

"(s) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

88 **SECTION 2-5.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 7-9-7, relating to investigation, approval or disapproval of charter application, "conviction data" defined,

91 background checks, and impact of disapproval, to read as follows:

"(i) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-6.

Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended by revising subparagraph (b)(1)(A) and subsection (c) of Code Section 9-11-4.1, relating to certified process servers, as follows:

"(A) Has undergone a criminal record check based on fingerprints and has never been convicted of a felony or of impersonating a peace officer or other public officer or employee under Code Section 16-10-23. If the Judicial Council of Georgia is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the Judicial Council of Georgia shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention;"

"(c) **Renewal and revocation of certification.** A certified process server shall be required to renew his or her certification every three years. Any certified process server failing to renew his or her certification shall no longer be approved to serve as a certified process server. At the time of renewal, the certified process server shall provide evidence that he or she has completed three annual five-hour courses of continuing education which courses have been approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts and has undergone an updated criminal record check, unless his or her fingerprints were retained under the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33. The certification of a process server may be revoked or suspended by a superior court judge for cause at any time. If a complaint has been filed by a sheriff alleging serious misconduct by the process server, such judge may suspend the certification for up to five business days while the matter is considered by the judge."

SECTION 2-7.

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 10-5-35, relating to application and consent to service of process, to read as follows:

"(g) If the commissioner is participating in the program described in subparagraph
 (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal

127 Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the commissioner shall notify the individual whose 128 129 fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention." **SECTION 2-8.** 130 Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 10-9-9, relating to 131 132 officers of board, terms of officers, authority of officers, and compensation, to read as 133 follows: 134 "(f) If the board of governors is participating in the program described in 135 subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained 136 137 pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board of governors shall notify the 138 individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention." 139 SECTION 2-9. Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is 140 amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 17-6-50, relating to persons deemed 141 142 professional bondsmen and criminal background investigation information to be provided 143 to clerk of court, to read as follows: 144 "(e) If the sheriff is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of 145 Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of 146 Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the sheriff shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were 147 148 taken of the parameters of such retention." SECTION 2-10. 149 Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is 150 151 amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 19-8-16, relating to investigation by child-placing agency or other agent, to read as follows: 152 153 "(g) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of 154 Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code 155 156 section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention." 157

158 **SECTION 2-11.**

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-1A-31, relating to records check application for potential

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(a) A support center may furnish to the department a records check application for each potential employee of any licensed, commissioned, or permitted early care and education program. Before a person affiliated with a support center may become an employee of any licensed, commissioned, or permitted early care and education program, such person shall obtain a satisfactory FINGERPRINT records check determination. employees, excluding students currently enrolled in an early education curriculum through an accredited school of higher education, may submit evidence, satisfactory to the department, that such potential employee received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination that includes a records check clearance date that is no more than 12 months old, or that any employee whose fingerprint records check revealed a criminal record of any kind has either subsequently received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or has had the unsatisfactory determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-43. A student currently enrolled in an early education curriculum through an accredited school of higher education may submit evidence, satisfactory to the department, that such student received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination that includes a records check clearance date that is no more than 24 months old, or that such student whose fingerprint records check revealed a criminal record of any kind has either subsequently received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or has had the unsatisfactory determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-43. The licensed, commissioned, or permitted early care and education program shall maintain documentation in the employee's personnel file, which is available to the department upon request, and which reflects that a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination was received before the employee is allowed to reside in an early care and education program or be present at an early care and education program while children are present for care. If the fingerprint records check determination for any potential employee reveals a criminal record of any kind, such potential employee shall not be allowed to reside in an early care and education program or be present at an early care and education program while children are present for care until such potential employee has either obtained a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or has had the unsatisfactory fingerprint records check determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-43. If the fingerprint records check determination is unsatisfactory, the licensed, commissioned, or permitted early care and education program shall, after

receiving notification of such unsatisfactory determination, take such steps as are necessary so that such person no longer resides in the early care and education program and no longer is present at an early care and education program while children are present for care. The time frames set forth in this subsection shall not apply when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33.

- (b) Notwithstanding the limited period of portability, every person affiliated with a support center as a potential employee of a licensed or commissioned early care and education program shall undergo additional fingerprint records checks such that the time between such additional fingerprint records checks and that person's previous fingerprint records check shall not exceed five years except when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33.
- (c) After the issuance of a registration, the department may require additional fingerprint records check determinations on any person affiliated with a support center during the course of a child abuse investigation involving such person or when the department has reason to believe such person has a criminal record that renders such person ineligible to reside at an early care and education program or be present at an early care and education program while children are present for care."

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- Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-1A-32, relating to program license or commission applicants, records check requirements, and change of ownership, to read as follows:
- "(d) The time frames set forth in this Code section shall not apply when fingerprints have
 been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in
 subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33."

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- Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-1A-34, relating to check of fingerprints on national level, satisfactory determination prior to employment, and additional records checks, and adding a new subsection to read as follows:
 - "(b) Every potential employee of the department or contractor performing duties on behalf of the department who may have any reason to be present at a licensed or commissioned early care and education program while any child is present for care must receive a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or have had an unsatisfactory fingerprint records check determination reversed in accordance with Code Section

20-1A-43 prior to being present at a licensed or commissioned early care and education program while children are present for care. Every current employee of the department who may have any reason to be present at a licensed or commissioned early care and education program while any child is present for care must receive a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or have had an unsatisfactory fingerprint records check determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-43. Every employee of the department shall undergo additional fingerprint records checks such that the time between such additional fingerprint records checks and that employee's previous fingerprint records check shall not exceed five years except when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33. The department shall maintain documentation in the appropriate personnel file indicating that such person has obtained such current satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or has had an unsatisfactory fingerprint records check determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-43. (c) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints

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250 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-1A-38, relating 251 to change of directors and records check requirements, as follows:

"(a) If the director of a licensed, commissioned, or permitted early care and education program ceases to be the director of that early care and education program, the license holder, commission holder, or permit holder shall thereupon designate a new director. After such change, the license holder, commission holder, or permit holder of that early care and education program shall notify the department of such change and of any additional information the department may require regarding the newly designated director of that early care and education program, including a fingerprint records check application. Such individuals shall also submit all necessary applications, fees, and acceptable fingerprints to the GCIC. If the department determines that such newly designated director has received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination that includes a records check clearance date that is no more than 12 months old or had an unsatisfactory determination reversed pursuant to Code Section 20-1A-43 within the prior 12 months, such determination shall be deemed to be satisfactory for purposes of this article. The time frames set forth in this subsection shall not apply when fingerprints have been retained by

the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33."

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Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 20-1A-39, relating to potential employees, current employees and directors, records check requirements, satisfactory records check, and liability for hiring ineligible employee, as follows:

"(a) Before a person may become an employee of any early care and education program after that early care and education program has received a license or commission, that early care and education program shall require that person to obtain a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination. All potential employees, excluding students currently enrolled in an early education curriculum through an accredited school of higher education, may submit evidence, satisfactory to the department, that the potential employee received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination that includes a records check clearance date that is no more than 12 months old, or that any potential employee whose fingerprint records check revealed a criminal record of any kind has either subsequently received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or has had the unsatisfactory determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-43. A student currently enrolled in an early education curriculum through an accredited school of higher education may submit evidence, satisfactory to the department, that the student received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination that includes a records check clearance date that is no more than 24 months old, or that such student whose fingerprint records check revealed a criminal record of any kind has either subsequently received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or has had the unsatisfactory determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-43. The licensed or commissioned early care and education program shall maintain documentation in the employee's personnel file, which is available to the department upon request, which reflects that a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination was received before the employee is eligible to reside at an early care and education program or be present at a licensed or commissioned early care and education program while children are present for care. If the fingerprint records check determination for any potential employee reveals a criminal record of any kind, such potential employee shall be ineligible to reside at an early care and education program or be present at an early care and education program while children are present for care until such potential employee has either obtained a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or has had the unsatisfactory fingerprint records check determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-43. If the fingerprint records check determination is unsatisfactory, the licensed or commissioned early care and education

program shall, after receiving notification of such unsatisfactory determination, take such immediate steps as are necessary so that such person no longer resides at the early care and education program or is no longer present at the early care and education program while children are present for care. The department shall revoke the license or commission of an early care and education program if the early care and education program fails to comply with the requirements of this Code section. The time frames set forth in this subsection shall not apply when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33." Effective January 1, 2019, every employee and director of any licensed or commissioned early care and education program shall undergo additional fingerprint records checks such that the time between such additional fingerprint records checks and that employee's or director's previous fingerprint records check shall not exceed five years except when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33. The early care and education program shall maintain documentation in the appropriate personnel file, which is available to the department immediately upon request, indicating that such person has obtained such current satisfactory fingerprint records check determination or has had an unsatisfactory fingerprint records check determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 20-1A-43. The department shall revoke the license or commission of an early care and education program if the early care and education program fails to comply with the requirements of this Code section."

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Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 20-2-211.1, relating to clearance certificates issued by the Professional Standards Commission relating to fingerprint and criminal background checks, as follows:

"(d)(1) Local units of administration shall have the authority and responsibility to order criminal record checks pursuant to this Code section through the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and shall have the authority to receive the results of such criminal record checks. Local units of administration shall also have the authority to forward the results of criminal record checks to the Professional Standards Commission as necessary regarding potential violations of the code of ethics for educators. The Professional Standards Commission shall also have the authority to order criminal record checks pursuant to this Code section through the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and shall have the authority to receive the results of such criminal record checks.

337 (2) Fingerprints shall be in such form and of such quality as shall be acceptable for submission to the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It shall be the duty of each law enforcement agency in this state to fingerprint those persons required to be fingerprinted by this Code section.

(3) If a local unit of administration is participating in the program described in

subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the local unit of administration shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

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Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 25-4-8, relating to qualifications of firefighters generally, to read as follows:

"(d) If the local fire department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the local fire department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

355 **SECTION 2-18.**

Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 29-9-19, relating to petitioner for guardian or conservator to submit to criminal history records check, to read as follows:

"(c) If the court is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code

Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of

Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code

section for such program and the court shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were

taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-19.

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 31-2-9, relating to records check requirement for certain health care facilities, definitions, use of information gathered in investigation, penalties for unauthorized release or disclosure, and rules and regulations, to read as follows:

"(g) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F)
 of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of

Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-20.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 31-2A-7, relating to "conviction data" defined, department authorized to receive data from law enforcement relevant to employment decisions, and criminal history information, to read as follows:

"(h) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-21.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-254, relating to transmission of director's fingerprints to Georgia Crime Information Center for review and notification to department of findings, as follows:

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After issuing a temporary license based upon a satisfactory preliminary records check determination of the director under Code Section 31-7-253, the department shall transmit to GCIC both sets of fingerprints and the records search fee from that director's records check application. Upon receipt thereof, GCIC shall promptly transmit one set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall retain the other set and promptly conduct a search of its records and records to which it has access. Within 75 days after receiving fingerprints acceptable to GCIC, the application, and fee, GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any derogatory finding, including but not limited to any criminal record, of the fingerprint records check or if there is no such finding. If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

403 **SECTION 2-22.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-258, relating to change of facility director; notification to department and effect of department determination, as follows:

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(a) If the director of a facility which has been issued a regular license ceases to be the director of that facility, the licensee shall thereupon designate a new director. After such change, the licensee of that facility shall notify the department of such change and of any additional information the department may require regarding the newly designated director of that facility. Such information shall include but not be limited to any information the licensee may have regarding preliminary or fingerprint records check determinations regarding that director. After receiving a change of director notification, the department shall make a written determination from the information furnished with such notification and the department's own records as to whether a satisfactory or unsatisfactory preliminary or fingerprint records check determination has ever been made for the newly designated director. If the department determines that such director within 12 months prior thereto has had a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination, such determination shall be deemed to be a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination as to that director. The license of that facility shall not be adversely affected by that change in director and the licensee shall be so notified. The time frames set forth in this subsection shall not apply when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33.

(b) If the department determines under subsection (a) of this Code section that there has ever been an unsatisfactory preliminary or fingerprint records check determination of the newly designated director, the personal care home and that director shall be notified thereof. The license for that director's facility shall be indefinitely suspended unless the personal care home designates another director for whom it has not received or made an unsatisfactory preliminary or fingerprint records check determination and proceeds pursuant to the provisions of this Code section relating to a change of director.

(c) If the department determines under subsection (a) of this Code section that there has been no fingerprint records check determination regarding the newly designated director within the immediately preceding 12 months, the department shall so notify the personal care home. The personal care home shall furnish to the department the records check application of the newly designated director or the license of that facility shall be indefinitely suspended. If that records check application is so received, unless the department has within the immediately preceding 12 months made a satisfactory preliminary records check determination regarding the newly designated director, the department shall perform a preliminary records check and determination of the newly

designated director; and the applicant and that director shall be notified thereof. If that determination is unsatisfactory, the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section regarding procedures after notification shall apply. If that determination is satisfactory, the department shall perform a fingerprint records check and determination for that director as provided in Code Sections 31-7-254 and 31-7-255. If that determination is satisfactory, the personal care home and director for whom the determination was made shall be so notified, and the license for the facility at which that person is the newly designated director shall not be adversely affected by that change of director. If that determination is unsatisfactory, the provisions of subsection (b) of this Code section shall apply. The time frames set forth in this subsection shall not apply when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33."

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Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 31-7-259, relating to preliminary records check determination, suspension or revocation of license, refusal to issue regular license, fingerprint check, employment history, director's criminal liability, exempt employees, mitigating factors in criminal records check, and civil penalty, to read as follows:

"(n) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code

section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints

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were taken of the parameters of such retention."

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 31-11-51, relating to certification and recertification of emergency medical technicians, rules and regulations, and use of conviction data in licensing decisions, to read as follows:

"(g) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-25.

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 33-23-5.1, relating to conviction data, to read as follows:

476 "(c) If the Commissioner is participating in the program described in subparagraph

(a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal

Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this

Code section for such program and the Commissioner shall notify the individual whose

480 <u>fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."</u>

SECTION 2-26.

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by revising paragraph (15) of subsection (a) of Code Section 35-3-33, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center generally, as follows:

"(15) Receive and process fingerprints from the Supreme Court of Georgia Office of Bar Admissions for the purpose of determining whether or not an applicant for admission to the State Bar of Georgia has a criminal record. The processing shall include submission of fingerprints to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation bureau and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison to each of their respective files and data bases. If the Supreme Court of Georgia Office of Bar Admissions is participating in the program described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the bureau and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this paragraph for such program and the Supreme Court of Georgia Office of

pursuant to this paragraph for such program and the Supreme Court of Georgia Office of
 Bar Admissions shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the

parameters of such retention;"

SECTION 2-27.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (h) of Code Section 35-3-34.2, relating to exchange of national criminal history background checks on providers of care to children,

499 the elderly, and persons with disabilities, as follows:

"(h) The qualified entity must obtain the fingerprints of the provider, communicate the fitness determination of the authorized agency to the provider, and notify the provider of his or her right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the national criminal history background check. If the qualified entity is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the

507 <u>qualified entity shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters</u>
 508 <u>of such retention.</u>"

SECTION 2-28.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 35-3-35, relating to disclosure and dissemination of records to public agencies and political subdivisions and responsibility and liability of issuing center, to read as follows:

"(f) If a public agency, political subdivision, authority, and instrumentality, including state or federal licensing and regulatory agencies or their designated representatives, is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the public agency, political subdivision, authority, and instrumentality, including state or federal licensing and regulatory agencies or their designated representatives, shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-29.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 35-8-6, relating to
 appointment of executive director of council, contracts for services, personnel, investigators,
 subpoenas, funding, and gifts, grants, or donations, as follows:
 "(g) If the council is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of
 Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of

Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the council shall notify the individual whose fingerprints

were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-30.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 35-8-8, relating to requirements for appointment or certification of persons as peace officers and preemployment attendance at basic training course and "employment related information" defined, to read as follows:

"(d) If the employer is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the employer shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

540	SECTION 2-31.
541	Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended by
542	adding a new subsection to Code Section 37-1-28, relating to conviction data, to read as
543	follows:
544	"(g) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F)
545	of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of
546	Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code
547	section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints
548	were taken of the parameters of such retention."
549	SECTION 2-32.
550	Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to military, emergency
551	management, and veterans affairs, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section
552	38-3-27, relating to local organizations for emergency management, creation, structure
553	powers, directors, appointment, qualifications, and compensation, state to provide financia
554	assistance, and entitlement for funding, to read as follows:
555	"(g) If the director of emergency management is participating in the program described in
556	subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and
557	the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained
558	pursuant to this Code section for such program and the director of emergency management
559	shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such
560	retention."
561	SECTION 2-33.
562	Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
563	amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 40-5-39, relating to requirements for
564	operation of a motor vehicle for hire, for-hire license endorsements and eligibility, term, and
565	background checks, to read as follows:
566	"(h) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F)
567	of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of
568	Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code
569	section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints
570	were taken of the parameters of such retention."
571	SECTION 2-34.
572	Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 40-5-82, relating
573	to administration of program, to read as follows:

"(f) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F)
 of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of
 Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code
 section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints
 were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-35.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 40-5-83, relating to establishment, approval, and operation of clinics and programs, out-of-state certificates of completion, instructor licenses, fees, and submission of fingerprints by applicants, to read as follows:

"(g) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

589 **SECTION 2-36.**

- 590 Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended
- 591 by revising Code Section 42-8-106.1, relating to powers and duties of the Board of
- 592 Community Supervision, as follows:
- 593 "42-8-106.1.

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- 594 (a) The board shall have the following powers and duties, provided that, with respect to
- 595 promulgating the rules, regulations, and standards set forth in this subsection, the board
- shall seek input from the commissioner of community supervision:
- (1) To promulgate rules and regulations to implement the uniform professional standards
- for probation officers and uniform contract standards for the establishment of probation
- services by a county, municipality, or consolidated government established in Code
- 600 Section 42-8-107;
- (2) To promulgate rules and regulations establishing a 40 hour initial orientation for
- newly hired private probation officers and for 20 hours per annum of continuing
- education for private probation officers, provided that the 40 hour initial orientation shall
- not be required of any person who has successfully completed a basic course of training
- for supervision of probationers or parolees certified by the Georgia Peace Officer
- Standards and Training Council or any private probation officer who has been employed
- by a private probation corporation, enterprise, or agency for at least six months as of July
- 608 1, 1996;

(3) To promulgate rules and regulations establishing a 40 hour initial orientation for probation officers and for 20 hours per annum of continuing education for such probation officers, provided that the 40 hour initial orientation shall not be required of any person who has successfully completed a basic course of training for supervision of probationers or parolees certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council or any probation officer who has been employed by a county, municipality, or consolidated government as of March 1, 2006;

- (4) To promulgate rules and regulations relative to compliance with the provisions of this article and enforcement mechanisms;
 - (5) To promulgate rules and regulations establishing registration for any private corporation, private enterprise, private agency, county, municipality, or consolidated government providing probation services under the provisions of this article, subject to the provisions of Code Section 42-8-109.3;
 - (6) To promulgate rules and regulations requiring criminal history record checks of individuals seeking to become private probation officers and establishing procedures for such criminal record checks. DCS on behalf of the board shall conduct a criminal history records check for individuals seeking to become probation officers as provided in Code Section 35-3-34. The board shall promulgate rules and regulations relating to restrictions regarding misdemeanor convictions. An agency or private entity shall also be authorized to conduct a criminal history records check of a person employed as a probation officer or private probation officer or individuals seeking such positions. The criminal history records check may be conducted in accordance with Code Section 35-3-34 and may be based upon the submission of fingerprints of the individual whose records are requested. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the rules established by the United States Department of Justice for processing and identification of records. The federal record, if any, shall be obtained and returned to the requesting entity or agency;
 - (7) To promulgate rules and regulations requiring probation officers and private probation officers to be registered with DCS, pay a fee for such registration, and provide for the board to impose sanctions and fines on such officers for misconduct; and
- 639 (8) To impose sanctions for noncompliance with this article or the board's rules and regulations.
 - (b) If DCS on behalf of the board, an agency, or private entity is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and DCS on behalf

of the board, an agency, or private entity, as applicable, shall notify the individual whose

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fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention." 646 647 SECTION 2-37. Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, 648 649 is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-11-40, relating to qualification 650 of applicants and criminal background check, to read as follows: "(e) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of 651 652 Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain 653 fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall 654 notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention." 655 SECTION 2-38. Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-11-41, relating 656 657 to application for provisional license to practice dentistry by credentials, procedure, criminal 658 background check, and expiration and revocation of license, to read as follows: 659 "(f) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of 660 Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain 661 fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention." 662 663 SECTION 2-39. 664 Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-11-42, relating 665 to reciprocity and criminal background check, to read as follows: 666 "(f) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of 667 Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall 668 669 notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention." 670 **SECTION 2-40.** Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-11-52, relating 671 to volunteers in dentistry and dental hygiene, special licensing, and construction, to read as 672 follows: 673 "(j) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code 674 Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain 675 676 fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall 677 notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

678 **SECTION 2-41.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-11-71, relating to qualifications of applicants for license and criminal background check, to read as follows:

- 681 "(c) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of
- 682 Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain
- 683 <u>fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall</u>
- notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

685 **SECTION 2-42.**

- Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-11-71.1, relating
- to application for license to practice dental hygiene by credentials, procedure, criminal
- background check, and expiration of license, to read as follows:
- 689 "(f) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of
- 690 Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain
- fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall
- 692 notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."
- 693 **SECTION 2-43.**
- 694 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-12A-6, relating to acts
- 695 disqualifying person from operating provider center or engaging in practice of providing,
- 696 installing, or monitoring ignition interlock devices, as follows:
- 697 "43-12A-6.
- 698 (a) Every person who desires to operate a provider center or to engage in the practice of
- providing, installing, or monitoring ignition interlock devices:
- 700 (1) Shall not have knowingly made misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent
- representations in the practice of a business or profession licensed under this title or on
- any document connected therewith; or practiced fraud or deceit or intentionally made any
- false statement in obtaining a license to practice the licensed business or profession; or
- made a false statement or deceptive registration with the board;
- 705 (2) Shall not have been convicted of a second or subsequent violation of Code Section
- 40-6-391 within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which
- convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is
- 708 obtained;
- 709 (3) Shall not have been convicted of any felony or of any crime involving theft, fraud,
- violence, or moral turpitude in the courts of this state or any other state, territory, or
- country or in the courts of the United States. As used in this paragraph, the term 'felony'
- shall mean any offense which, if committed in this state, would be deemed a felony,

without regard to its designation elsewhere; and the term 'conviction' shall mean a finding

- or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty, regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction
- 715 has been sought;
- 716 (4) Shall not have been arrested, charged, and sentenced for the commission of any
- felony, or any crime involving theft, fraud, violence, or moral turpitude, where:
- 718 (A) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was
- granted; or
- (B) An adjudication of guilt or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the
- charge, except with respect to a plea of nolo contendere.
- The order entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, relating
- to probation of first offenders, or other first offender treatment shall be conclusive
- evidence of arrest and sentencing for such crime;
- (5) Shall submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the
- department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the
- director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The department shall transmit the
- fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints
- to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate
- report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After
- receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau
- of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified;
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- 734 (6) Shall be a United States citizen, or if not a citizen, present federal documentation
- verified by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be valid documentary
- evidence of lawful presence in the United States under federal immigration law.
- 737 (b) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F)
- of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of
- 739 <u>Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code</u>
- section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints
- were taken of the parameters of such retention."
- 742 **SECTION 2-44.**
- Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-13-4, relating to qualifications of
- 744 driver training school operators, as follows:
- 745 "43-13-4.
- 746 (a) Every person who desires to operate a driver training school or a commercial driver
- training school shall meet the following requirements:
- 748 (1) Be of good moral character;

749 (2) Maintain an established place of business in the State of Georgia which is open to the public;

- (3) Maintain bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on motor vehicles while used in driver training instruction, insuring the liability of the driver training school, the driving instructors, and any person taking instruction, in at least the following amounts: \$100,000.00 for bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident and, subject to such limit for one person, \$300,000.00 for bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident and the amount of \$50,000.00 for damage to property of others in any one accident. Evidence of such insurance coverage, in the form of a certificate from the insurance carrier, shall be filed with the department; and such certificate shall stipulate that the insurance shall not be canceled except upon ten days' prior written notice to the department. Such insurance shall be written by a company authorized to do business in this state;
- (4) Provide a continuous surety company bond in the principal sum of \$10,000.00 for the protection of the contractual rights of students in such form as will meet with the approval of the department and written by a company authorized to do business in this state; provided, however, that the aggregate liability of the surety for all breaches of the condition of the bond in no event shall exceed the principal sum of \$10,000.00 per location, and a single bond at such rate for all schools operated by the same person may be provided in satisfaction of this paragraph. The surety on any such bond may cancel such bond on giving 30 days' notice thereof in writing to the department and shall be relieved of liability for any breach of any condition of the bond which occurs after the effective date of cancellation. If at any time said bond is not valid and in force, the license of the school or program shall be deemed suspended by operation of law until a valid surety company bond is again in force;
- (5) Have the equipment necessary to the giving of proper instruction in the operation of motor vehicles as prescribed by the department;
 - (6) Pay to the department an application fee for the approval of driver training schools and instructors, commercial driver training schools and instructors, and limited license driver training schools and instructors. The amount of this fee shall be established by the commissioner of driver services and shall, as best as the commissioner shall determine, approximate the expense incurred by the department in consideration of the license applications. These licenses and each renewal thereof shall be valid for a period of four years unless suspended or revoked prior to the expiration of that time period;
- (7) Submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The department shall transmit the

fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified; and

- (8) Be a United States citizen, or if not a citizen, present federal documentation verified by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be valid documentary evidence of lawful presence in the United States under federal immigration law.
- (b) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F)
 of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of
 Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code
 section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints
 were taken of the parameters of such retention."

800 **SECTION 2-45.**

- Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-13-5, relating to qualifications of driver training school instructors, as follows:
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- 804 (a) Every person who desires to qualify as an instructor for a driver training school or a commercial driver training school shall meet the following requirements:
- 806 (1) Be of good moral character;
- (2) Present to the department evidence of credit in driver education and safety from an 807 accredited college or university equivalent to credits in those subjects which are required 808 809 of instructors in the public schools of this state or give satisfactory performance on a 810 written, oral, performance, or combination examination administered by the department 811 testing both knowledge of the field of driver education and skills necessary to instruct and impart driving skills and safety to students. The examination shall be administered 812 quarterly or upon the written application of four or more prospective licensees. The 813 814 examination fee shall be established by the commissioner of driver services;
- 815 (3) Be physically able to operate safely a motor vehicle and to instruct others in the operation of motor vehicles;
- 817 (4) Hold a valid driver's license;
- 818 (5) Pay to the department an application fee to be established by the commissioner of driver services;
- 820 (6) Submit at least one set of classifiable electronically recorded fingerprints to the 821 department in accordance with the fingerprint system of identification established by the

director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The department shall transmit the fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center, which shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and promptly conduct a search of state records based upon the fingerprints. After receiving the report from the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall determine whether the applicant may be certified; and

(7) Be a United States citizen, or if not a citizen, present federal documentation verified by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be valid documentary evidence of lawful presence in the United States under federal immigration law.

(b) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints

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were taken of the parameters of such retention."

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-13-6.1, relating to special licenses for driver training school instructors qualified to teach alcohol and drug course, fingerprinting requirement, and citizenship requirement, to read as follows:

"(d) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-47.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-20-8, relating to issuance of licenses and fees, to read as follows:

"(e) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-48.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-22A-7, relating to requirements for application for licensure, as follows:

- 857 "43-22A-7.
- 858 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this Code section, each applicant for a license
- as a lactation consultant shall be at least 18 years of age, shall have submitted a completed
- application upon a form and in such manner as the Secretary prescribes, accompanied by
- applicable fees, and shall be in compliance with the following requirements:
- 862 (1) Meeting the international education and clinical standards established for IBCLCs
- by the IBLCE, or its successor organization;
- 864 (2) Providing proof of successful completion of the IBLCE examination or the
- 865 examination of any successor organization;
- 866 (3) Having satisfactory results from a criminal background check report conducted by
- the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as
- determined by the Secretary. Application for a license under this Code section shall
- constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary to perform a criminal
- background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the Secretary for
- licensure agrees to provide the Secretary with any and all information necessary to run
- a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of
- fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the
- performance of such background check; and
- (4) Completing such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Secretary.
- 876 (b) If the Secretary is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of
- 877 Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of
- 878 Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code
- section for such program and the Secretary shall notify the individual whose fingerprints
- were taken of the parameters of such retention."

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- Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-24A-8, relating
- to licensure of massage therapists and application and requirements, to read as follows:
- 884 "(c) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of
- 885 <u>Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of</u>
- 886 <u>Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code</u>
- section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were
- 888 <u>taken of the parameters of such retention.</u>"

889 **SECTION 2-50.**

890 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-25A-5, relating to application for

- 891 music therapy license, as follows:
- 892 "43-25A-5.
- 893 (a) The Secretary shall issue a license to an applicant for a music therapy license when
- such applicant has completed and submitted an application upon a form and in such manner
- as the Secretary prescribes, accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence satisfactory to
- the Secretary that:
- (1) The applicant is at least 18 years of age;
- 898 (2) The applicant holds a bachelor's degree or higher in music therapy, or its equivalent,
- from a program approved by the American Music Therapy Association or any successor
- organization within an accredited college or university;
- 901 (3) The applicant successfully completes a minimum of 1,200 hours of clinical training,
- with at least 180 hours in preinternship experiences and at least 900 hours in internship
- experiences, provided that the internship shall be approved by an academic institution,
- the American Music Therapy Association or any successor organization, or both;
- 905 (4) The applicant is in good standing based on a review of the applicant's music therapy
- licensure history in other jurisdictions, including a review of any alleged misconduct or
- neglect in the practice of music therapy on the part of the applicant;
- 908 (5) The applicant provides proof of passing the examination for board certification
- offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists or any successor organization or
- provides proof of being transitioned into board certification, and provides proof that the
- applicant is currently a board certified music therapist; and
- 912 (6) The applicant has satisfactory results from a fingerprint record check report
- onducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of
- Investigation, as determined by the Secretary. Application for a license under this Code
- section shall constitute express consent and authorization for the Secretary or his or her
- representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an
- application to the Secretary for licensure by examination agrees to provide the Secretary
- with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including,
- but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for
- all fees associated with the performance of such background check.
- 921 (b) If the Secretary is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of
- 922 <u>Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of</u>
- 923 <u>Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code</u>
- section for such program and the Secretary shall notify the individual whose fingerprints
- 925 were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-51.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-26-7, relating to requirements for licensure as registered professional nurse and requirements for nontraditional nursing education program, to read as follows:

"(f) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were

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taken of the parameters of such retention."

936 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-26-36.1, relating to fingerprint 937 record and criminal background checks for applicants for licensure and fees, as follows:

938 "43-26-36.1.

Any applicant for licensure under this article shall have satisfactory results from a fingerprint record check report conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as determined by the board. Application for a license under this article shall constitute express consent and authorization for the board or its representative to perform a criminal background check. Each applicant who submits an application to the board for licensure agrees to provide the board with any and all information necessary to run a criminal background check, including, but not limited to, classifiable sets of fingerprints. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check. If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-53.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-38-6, relating to licenses, qualifications, criminal records, fingerprints, bond, insurance, or net worth affidavit, display of license, suspension, temporary permits, and license recognition agreements, to read as follows:

"(j) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were

taken of the parameters of such retention. The time frames set forth in this Code section shall not apply when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33."

SECTION 2-54.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-38-7, relating to licensing of armed employees, qualifications, continuing education, fingerprints, license card, and suspension, to read as follows:

"(h) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-55.

974 Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (d) of Code Section 43-38-7.1, 975 relating to registration records of unarmed security employees and fingerprint identification 976 of prospective registrants, as follows:

"(b) The licensee shall forward fingerprints received from each prospective registrant to the Georgia Crime Information Center of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of criminal identification through the fingerprint system of identification established by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the fingerprint system of investigation established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

"(d) At such times as the board may require, fingerprint cards of registrants may be periodically reprocessed by a licensee to identify criminal convictions subsequent to registration; provided, however, that when fingerprints have been retained by the board due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, there shall be no need for reprocessing."

SECTION 2-56.

993 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 43-38-9, relating to 994 disposition of applicants' fingerprints, as follows:

"(c) At such times as the board may require, fingerprint cards of licensees and registrants
 may be periodically reprocessed to identify criminal convictions subsequent to licensure
 or registration; provided, however, that when fingerprints have been retained by the board
 due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section
 35-3-33, there shall be no need for reprocessing."

1000 **SECTION 2-57.**

- 1001 Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-39A-22.1,
- 1002 relating to conviction data defined, fingerprint records check, and disclosure, to read as
- 1003 follows:
- 1004 <u>"(c) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of</u>
- 1005 Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of
- 1006 <u>Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code</u>
- section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were
- taken of the parameters of such retention."
- 1009 **SECTION 2-58.**
- 1010 Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-40-27.1, relating
- 1011 to conviction data, to read as follows:
- 1012 "(c) If the commission is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F)
- of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of
- 1014 <u>Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code</u>
- section for such program and the commission shall notify the individual whose fingerprints
- were taken of the parameters of such retention."
- 1017 **SECTION 2-59.**
- Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 43-47-6, relating to general powers
- 1019 and duties of board, as follows:
- 1020 "43-47-6.
- 1021 (a) All powers and duties under this chapter not specifically reserved to the board shall be
- the powers and duties of the division. The board shall have the following powers and
- 1023 duties:
- 1024 (1) To receive applications for registration of licensees and to forward them to the
- appropriate division;
- 1026 (2) To make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the
- administration and enforcement of this chapter;

1028 (3) To arrange for all new applicants to have a criminal background check, which background check shall be mandatory. The applicant's fingerprints shall be forwarded 1029 1030 to the Georgia Crime Information Center which shall run a criminal background check 1031 on the applicant and provide the results of the background check to the board. Additionally, the applicant's fingerprints will be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of 1032 1033 Investigation for a national criminal history record check; (4) To publish in print or electronically on or before September 1 of each year an 1034 alphabetical listing of all licensees pursuant to this chapter and to distribute copies of the 1035 1036 same, if requested, to the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Revenue, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to all sheriffs in this state, and to all county and 1037 municipal police departments in this state; 1038 1039 (5) To establish a fee for a license for each principal place of business and a fee for a supplemental license for each place of business not immediately adjacent to the principal 1040 1041 place of business. The board may establish separate schedules of fees for such licenses depending on whether the applicant begins to do business as a licensee prior to or after 1042 the issuance of any such license; and 1043 1044 (6) To do all other things necessary and proper to carry out the powers and duties listed 1045 in this Code section. 1046 (b) If the board is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of 1047 1048 Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code 1049 section for such program and the board shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention." 1050

1051 **SECTION 2-60.**

1052 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 49-2-14, relating to record search for conviction 1053 data on prospective employees, to read as follows: 1054 1055 "(i) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) 1056 of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code 1057 section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints 1058 1059 were taken of the parameters of such retention."

1060 **SECTION 2-61.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 49-2-14.1, relating to definitions and records check requirement for licensing certain facilities, to read as follows:

"(g) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints

1069 **SECTION 2-62.**

were taken of the parameters of such retention."

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 49-5-62, relating to records check application for director of new facility and preliminary records check for employees, as follows:

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(a) Accompanying any application for a new license for a facility, the applicant shall furnish to the department a records check application for the director and a satisfactory preliminary records check for each employee of such facility. In lieu of such records check applications, the applicant may submit evidence, satisfactory to the department, that within the immediately preceding 12 months the director received satisfactory state and national fingerprint records check determinations and each employee received a satisfactory preliminary records check determination, or that any employee other than the director whose preliminary records check revealed a criminal record of any kind has either subsequently received satisfactory state and national fingerprint records check determinations or has had the unsatisfactory determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 49-5-73. The department may either perform preliminary records checks under agreement with GCIC or contract with GCIC and appropriate law enforcement agencies which have access to GCIC information to have those agencies perform for the department a preliminary records check for each preliminary records check application submitted thereto by the department. Either the department or the appropriate law enforcement agencies may charge reasonable fees for performing preliminary records checks.

(b) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention. The time frames set forth in this Code

section shall not apply when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33."

1098 **SECTION 2-63.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 49-5-63, relating to notice of determination, issue of license, and effect of unsatisfactory determination, as follows:

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After being furnished the required records check application under Code Section 49-5-62, the department shall notify in writing the license applicant as to each person for whom an application was received regarding whether the department's determination as to that person's state fingerprint records check was satisfactory or unsatisfactory. If the preliminary records check determination was satisfactory as to each employee of an applicant's facility and the state fingerprint records check was satisfactory as to the director, that applicant may be issued a license for that facility if the applicant otherwise qualifies for a license under Article 1 of this chapter. If the state or national fingerprint records check determination was unsatisfactory as to the director of an applicant's facility, the applicant shall designate another director for that facility after receiving notification of the determination and proceed under Code Section 49-5-62 and this Code section to obtain state and national fingerprint records checks for that newly designated director. If the preliminary records check for any employee other than the director revealed a criminal record of any kind, such employee shall not be allowed to work in the center until he or she either has obtained satisfactory state and national fingerprint records check determinations or has had the unsatisfactory determination reversed in accordance with Code Section 49-5-73. If the determination was unsatisfactory as to any employee of an applicant's facility, the applicant shall, after receiving notification of that determination, take such steps as are necessary so that such person is no longer an employee. Any employee other than the director who receives a satisfactory preliminary records check shall not be required to obtain a fingerprint records check when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, unless such an employee has been designated as a director or as permitted by the provisions of subsection (c) of Code Section 49-5-69."

1126 **SECTION 2-64.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 49-5-64, relating to fingerprint records check, as follows:

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(a) The department shall transmit to GCIC both sets of fingerprints and the records search fee from each fingerprint records check application. Upon receipt thereof, GCIC shall promptly transmit one set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall retain the other set and promptly conduct a search of its records and records to which it has access. Within ten days after receiving fingerprints acceptable to GCIC, the application, and fee, GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any derogatory finding, including but not limited to any criminal record, of the state fingerprint records check or if there is no such finding. After a search of Federal Bureau of Investigation records and fingerprints and upon receipt of the bureau's report, the department shall make a national fingerprint records determination.

(b) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."

SECTION 2-65.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 49-5-68, relating to change of director, to read as follows:

"(d) The time frames set forth in this Code section shall not apply when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33."

SECTION 2-66.

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 49-5-69.1, relating to fingerprint and preliminary records check for foster homes, notice of results, violations, and foster parents known to have criminal records, to read as follows:

"(f) If the department is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain fingerprints obtained pursuant to this Code section for such program and the department shall notify the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention. The time frames set forth in this Code section shall not apply when fingerprints have been retained by the department due to its participation in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of Code Section 35-3-33."

1162	SECTION 2-67.
1163	Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 49-5-111, relating
1164	to employers authorized to make records checks and procedure, as follows:
1165	"(c) If the employer is participating in the program described in subparagraph (a)(1)(F) of
1166	Code Section 35-3-33, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be authorized to retain
1167	fingerprints obtained pursuant to this article for such program and the employer shall notify
1168	the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention."
1169	PART III
1170	SECTION 3-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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