

Senate Bill 61

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th and Staton of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 19-8-16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 investigation by a child-placing agency or other agent, so as to require a petitioner to submit  
3 to a criminal history records check; to provide for such an investigation; to provide for a fee;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 19-8-16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigation  
8 by a child-placing agency or other agent, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:  
9 ~~"(d) Where a criminal records check of a petitioner is required pursuant to this Code~~  
10 ~~section, that petitioner shall pay the fee and the child-placing agency or other independent~~  
11 ~~agent may make application for such records check to the Georgia Crime Information~~  
12 ~~Center. The court shall require the petitioner submit to a criminal history records check.~~  
13 ~~The petitioner shall submit his or her fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center~~  
14 ~~with a fee not to exceed \$30.00. The center shall promptly transmit the fingerprints to the~~  
15 ~~Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and shall obtain an~~  
16 ~~appropriate report. The Georgia Crime Information Center shall also promptly conduct a~~  
17 ~~search of its records and any records to which it has access. The center shall notify the~~  
18 ~~court in writing of the presence or absence of any derogatory finding, including but not~~  
19 ~~limited to any conviction data, regarding the fingerprint records check.~~"

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.