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AN ACT

1 Requiring background checks of persons who coach youth athletic  
2 teams.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Background checks.

6 (a) Requirement.--A person who seeks to coach a youth  
7 athletic team that is organized and supervised by a recreational  
8 youth athletics organization or entity shall provide to the  
9 organization or entity a background check that reports whether  
10 the potential coach has a criminal or abusive history.

11 (b) Criminal history.--A potential coach, to satisfy the  
12 requirement of subsection (a) regarding criminal history, shall  
13 provide a report of criminal history record information from the  
14 Pennsylvania State Police or a statement from the Pennsylvania  
15 State Police that the Pennsylvania State Police central  
16 repository contains no such information relating to that person.  
17 The criminal history record information shall be limited to that  
18 which is disseminated pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 9121(b)(2)

1 (relating to general regulations) and shall be no more than one  
2 year old.

3 (c) Abusive history.--A potential coach, to satisfy the  
4 requirement of subsection (a) regarding abusive history, shall  
5 provide an official clearance statement obtained from the  
6 Department of Public Welfare within the immediately preceding  
7 year as to whether the person is named as the individual  
8 responsible for injury or abuse in an indicated report or a  
9 founded report.

10 (d) File.--The recreational youth athletics organization or  
11 entity shall maintain a copy of the required information for so  
12 long as the person coaches for the organization or entity.

13 Section 2. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect in 60 days.