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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3005

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3005 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Employee Background Check Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As use in this Act:

7 "Background check" means a pre-interview criminal history  
8 inquiry.

9 "Candidate" means any person considered by an employer when  
10 identifying potential employees including, but not limited to,  
11 persons who ask to be considered for employment or who request  
12 information from an employer regarding potential employment.

13 "Employer" means any entity that employs one or more  
14 persons.

15 "Employment" means any occupation or vocation.

16 "Inquire" means to ask either orally or in writing.

1 Section 10. Background check permitted.

2 (a) An employer may conduct or have conducted on its behalf  
3 a background check on a candidate for employment only after the  
4 candidate has completed an application, been determined  
5 qualified for the position, and been interviewed for  
6 employment. An employer may not inquire about a candidate's  
7 background before the candidate has been interviewed.

8 (b) The limitation on the utilization of background checks  
9 set forth in subsection (a) of this Section does not apply to,  
10 nor limit, the conducting of background checks by or on behalf  
11 of an employer if a candidate's criminal history is an  
12 essential factor in any hiring decision for a position for  
13 which criminal history of the applicant is of such sensitivity  
14 that a background check is warranted. The limitation set forth  
15 in subsection (a) does not apply to healthcare, law  
16 enforcement, or financial institution employers.

17 (c) This Section does not prohibit an employer from asking  
18 a candidate about criminal convictions during an interview.

19 Section 15. Remedy.

20 (a) A candidate may apply to the circuit court for issuance  
21 of an injunction to enforce compliance with this Act.

22 (b) A candidate may recover actual damages, reasonable  
23 attorney's fees, costs, and reasonable expenses of litigation  
24 from an employer who violates this Act.

1           Section 20. Employer transparency. If an employer's  
2 publicly documented policy or a federal or State law  
3 disqualifies a person convicted of a specific offense from  
4 holding a position, an application for that position may ask if  
5 the applicant has been convicted of any of those disqualifying  
6 offenses. The employer shall provide a copy of the relevant  
7 citation or policy that requires the employer to disqualify the  
8 candidates because of a given offense.

9           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law.".