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Attachments: (2014-02-19) Background Checks for Volunteering Programs (v06).pdf

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Katherine,

I'm attaching an information packet on S. 817, which Senator Larry Martin introduced, and which will be the subject of a subcommittee meeting on Wednesday morning (Senators Bennett, Kimpson, and Shealy).

The bill is quite brief and addresses a rather technical and (I believe) noncontroversial issue. Essentially, recent changes to federal law require that we adopt a short statute such as this so that SLED will be authorized to process fingerprint-based background checks for participants in volunteering and community service programs under the Commission for National and Community Service. Those programs will pay the required fees – this doesn't put the burden on SLED.

I had a chance to give Sen. Bennett a little background on this a couple of weeks ago. If Sens. Kimpson and Shealy have a few minutes available tomorrow, I'd like to do the same with them, so that I can answer any questions they might have ahead of time. Hopefully, we can get a favorable report on Wednesday morning.

The attachment contains the legislative history, along with a copy of a letter from Chief Keel which explains why the fingerprint-based background check is the preferred choice.

Thanks.

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