

## CHAPTER 2013-73

### House Bill No. 21

An act relating to background screening for noninstructional contractors on school grounds; amending s. 1012.467, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to create a uniform, statewide identification badge to be worn by noninstructional contractors signifying that a contractor has met specified requirements; requiring school district issuance and recognition of the identification badge; providing for validity period of the identification badge; providing for a uniform cost for receipt of the identification badge to be borne by the contractor; providing an exception for certain contractors; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 1012.467, Florida Statutes, to read:

1012.467 Noninstructional contractors who are permitted access to school grounds when students are present; background screening requirements.—

(8)(a) The Department of Education shall create a uniform, statewide identification badge to be worn by noninstructional contractors signifying that a contractor has met the requirements of this section. The school district shall issue an identification badge to the contractor, which must bear a photograph of the contractor. An identification badge shall be issued if the contractor:

1. Is a resident and citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien of the United States as determined by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services;

2. Is 18 years of age or older; and

3. Meets the background screening requirements under this section.

(b) The uniform, statewide identification badge shall be recognized by all school districts and must be visible at all times that a noninstructional contractor is on school grounds.

(c) The identification badge shall be valid for a period of 5 years. If a noninstructional contractor provides notification pursuant to subsection (6), the contractor shall, within 48 hours, return the identification badge to the school district that issued the badge.

(d) The Department of Education shall determine a uniform cost that a school district may charge a noninstructional contractor for receipt of the identification badge, which shall be borne by the recipient of the badge.

(e) This subsection does not apply to noninstructional contractors who are exempt from background screening requirements pursuant to s. 1012.468.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor May 30, 2013.

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