

**Subject** Child care provider background studies

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## Summary

Under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245C, providers must undergo a fingerprint and photograph-based NetStudy 2.0 background study conducted by the Department of Human Services. All studies include a search of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) database, Minnesota predatory offender registry, and Minnesota social services information system. For child care providers, federal law requires enhanced background studies, which include searches of the following databases:

- State criminal and sex offender registries;
- State child abuse and neglect registry;
- Out-of-state criminal, sex offender, and child abuse and neglect registries (if applicable);
- National Crime Information Center National Sex Offender Registry; and
- FBI criminal history.

This bill adds a subdivision to require the commissioner, for child care background study subjects, to request information every six months related to notifications from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Law Enforcement Services Portal received by the BCA superintendent that corresponds to the information the background study subject has submitted. It further requires the BCA superintendent to provide the requested information to the commissioner, and specifies that the commissioner cannot share the reason for disqualification if a study subject is disqualified based on information received under the new subdivision.