

CHAPTER 299C

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

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299C.01 CRIMINAL BUREAU.

Subdivision 1. **Powers transferred to commissioner.** All the powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon the bureau of criminal apprehension or the superintendent of the bureau of criminal apprehension as prescribed by chapter 626, or any other law, are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the commissioner of public safety. The bureau of criminal apprehension and the office of the superintendent of the bureau of criminal apprehension as heretofore constituted are abolished.

Subd. 2. **Division of department of public safety.** A division in the department of public safety to be known as the bureau of criminal apprehension is hereby created, under the supervision and control of the superintendent of criminal apprehension, who shall be appointed by the commissioner and serve at the commissioner's pleasure in the unclassified service of the state civil service, to whom shall be assigned the duties and responsibilities described in this section.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1984 c 649 s 6]

Subd. 4. **Duties generally.** The division of the bureau of criminal apprehension shall perform such functions and duties as relate to statewide and nationwide crime information systems as the commissioner may direct.

History: 1969 c 1129 art 1 s 3; 1986 c 444

299C.03 SUPERINTENDENT; RULES.

The superintendent, with the approval of the commissioner of public safety, from time to time, shall make such rules and adopt such measures as the superintendent deems necessary, within the provisions and limitations of sections 299C.03 to 299C.08, 299C.10, 299C.11, 299C.17, 299C.18, and 299C.21, to secure the efficient operation of the bureau. The bureau shall cooperate with the respective sheriffs, constables, marshals, police, and other peace officers of the state in the detection of crime and the apprehension of criminals throughout the state, and shall have the power to conduct such investigations as the superintendent, with the approval of the commissioner of public safety, may deem necessary to secure evidence which may be essential to the apprehension and conviction of alleged violators of the criminal laws of the state. The various members of the bureau shall have and may exercise throughout the state the same powers of arrest possessed by a sheriff, but they shall not be employed to render police service in connection with strikes and other industrial disputes.

History: (9950-6) 1927 c 224 s 2; 1935 c 197 s 1; 1949 c 739 s 21; 1951 c 713 s 34; 1971 c 25 s 97; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444

299C.04 EMPLOYEES, CIVIL SERVICE; EXPENSES.

The superintendent is hereby authorized to appoint, in the manner provided, and to remove as provided by the state civil service law, and to prescribe the duties of such skilled and unskilled employees, including an identification expert, as may be necessary to carry out the work of the bureau; provided, that the appointment and removal of such skilled and unskilled employees shall be in the manner provided by the state civil service law. The superintendent and all officers and employees of the bureau shall, in addition to their compensation, receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, provided that the total expense of the bureau during any year shall not exceed the appropriation therefor.

History: (9950-7) 1927 c 224 s 3; 1935 c 197 s 2; 1939 c 441 s 41; 1953 c 503 s 1

299C.041 [Repealed, 1982 c 568 s 13]

299C.05 DIVISION OF CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

There is hereby established within the bureau a division of criminal statistics, and the superintendent, within the limits of membership herein prescribed, shall appoint a qualified statistician and one assistant to be in charge thereof. It shall be the duty of this division to collect, and preserve as a record of the bureau, information concerning the number and nature of offenses known to have been committed in the state, of the legal steps taken in connection therewith from the inception of the complaint to the final discharge of the defendant, and such other information as may be useful in the study of crime and the administration of justice. The information so collected and preserved shall include such data as may be requested by the United States department of justice, at Washington, under its national system of crime reporting.

History: (9950-7) 1927 c 224 s 3; 1935 c 197 s 2; 1939 c 441 s 41

299C.06 DIVISION POWERS AND DUTIES; LOCAL OFFICERS TO COOPERATE.

It shall be the duty of all sheriffs, chiefs of police, city marshals, constables, prison wardens, superintendents of insane hospitals, reformatories and correctional schools, probation and parole officers, school attendance officers, coroners, county attorneys, court clerks, the commissioner of public safety, the commissioner of transportation, and the state fire marshal to furnish to the division statistics and information regarding the number of crimes reported and discovered, arrests made, complaints, informations, and indictments, filed and the disposition made of same, pleas, convictions, acquittals, probations granted or denied, receipts,

transfers, and discharges to and from prisons, reformatorys, correctional schools, and other institutions, paroles granted and revoked, commutation of sentences and pardons granted and rescinded, and all other data useful in determining the cause and amount of crime in this state and to form a basis for the study of crime, police methods, court procedure, and penal problems. Such statistics and information shall be furnished upon the request of the division and upon such forms as may be prescribed and furnished by it. The division shall have the power to inspect and prescribe the form and substance of the records kept by those officials from which the information is so furnished.

History: (9950-7) 1927 c 224 s 3; 1935 c 197 s 2; 1939 c 441 s 41; 1976 c 5 s 11; 1976 c 166 s 7

299C.063 BOMB DISPOSAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The terms used in this section have the meanings given them in this subdivision:

(a) "Bomb disposal unit" means a commissioner-approved unit consisting of persons who are trained and equipped to dispose of or neutralize bombs or other similar hazardous explosives and who are employed by a municipality.

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

(c) "Municipality" has the meaning given it in section 466.01.

(d) "Hazardous explosives" means explosives as defined in section 299F.72, subdivision 2, explosive devices and incendiary devices as defined in section 609.668, subdivision 1, and all materials subject to regulation under United States Code, title 18, chapter 40.

Subd. 2. **Expense reimbursement.** The commissioner may reimburse bomb disposal units for reasonable expenses incurred to dispose of or neutralize bombs or other similar hazardous explosives for their employer-municipality or for another municipality outside the jurisdiction of the employer-municipality but within the state. Reimbursement is limited to the extent of appropriated funds.

Subd. 3. **Agreements.** The commissioner may enter into contracts or agreements with bomb disposal units to implement and administer this section.

History: 1995 c 226 art 4 s 7

299C.065 UNDERCOVER BUY FUND; WITNESS AND VICTIM PROTECTION.

Subdivision 1. **Grants.** The commissioner of public safety shall make grants to local officials for the following purposes:

(1) the cooperative investigation of cross jurisdictional criminal activity relating to the possession and sale of controlled substances;

(2) receiving or selling stolen goods;

(3) participating in gambling activities in violation of section 609.76;

(4) violations of section 609.322, 609.323, or any other state or federal law prohibiting the recruitment, transportation, or use of juveniles for purposes of prostitution; and

(5) for partial reimbursement of local costs associated with unanticipated, intensive, long-term, multijurisdictional criminal investigations that exhaust available local resources, except that the commissioner may not reimburse the costs of a local investigation involving a child who is reported to be missing and endangered unless the law enforcement agency complies with section 299C.53 and the agency's own investigative policy.

Subd. 1a. **Witness and victim protection fund.** A witness and victim protection fund is created under the administration of the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner may make grants to local officials to provide for the relocation or other protection of a victim, witness, or potential witness who is involved in a criminal prosecution and who the commissioner has reason to believe is or is likely to be the target of a violent crime or a violation of section 609.498 or 609.713, in connection with that prosecution. The awarding of grants under this subdivision is not limited to the crimes and investigations described in subdivision 1. The commissioner may award grants for any of the following actions in connection with the protection of a witness or victim under this subdivision:

- (1) to provide suitable documents to enable the person to establish a new identity or otherwise protect the person;
- (2) to provide housing for the person;
- (3) to provide for the transportation of household furniture and other personal property to the person's new residence;
- (4) to provide the person with a payment to meet basic living expenses for a time period the commissioner deems necessary;
- (5) to assist the person in obtaining employment; and
- (6) to provide other services necessary to assist the person in becoming self-sustaining.

Subd. 2. Application for grant. A county sheriff or the chief administrative officer of a municipal police department may apply to the commissioner of public safety for a grant for any of the purposes described in subdivision 1 or 1a, on forms and pursuant to procedures developed by the superintendent. For grants under subdivision 1, the application shall describe the type of intended criminal investigation, an estimate of the amount of money required, and any other information the superintendent deems necessary.

Subd. 3. Investigation report. A report shall be made to the commissioner at the conclusion of an investigation for which a grant was made under subdivision 1 stating: (1) the number of persons arrested, (2) the nature of charges filed against them, (3) the nature and value of controlled substances or contraband purchased or seized, (4) the amount of money paid to informants during the investigation, and (5) a separate accounting of the amount of money spent for expenses, other than "buy money," of bureau and local law enforcement personnel during the investigation. The commissioner shall prepare and submit to the chairs of the committees in the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over criminal justice policy by January 1 of each even-numbered year a report of investigations receiving grants under subdivision 1.

Subd. 3a. Accounting report. The head of a law enforcement agency that receives a grant under subdivision 1a shall file a report with the commissioner at the conclusion of the case detailing the specific purposes for which the money was spent. The commissioner shall prepare and submit to the chairs of the committees in the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over criminal justice policy by January 1 of each even-numbered year a summary report of witness assistance services provided under this section.

Subd. 4. Data classification. An application to the commissioner for money is a confidential record. Information within investigative files that identifies or could reasonably be used to ascertain the identity of assisted witnesses, sources, or undercover investigators is a confidential record. A report at the conclusion of an investigation is a public record, except that information in a report pertaining to the identity or location of an assisted witness is private data.

History: 1979 c 333 s 96; 1985 c 126 s 1; 1991 c 279 s 20; 1993 c 326 art 12 s 6; 1994 c 636 art 4 s 17; 1995 c 226 art 4 s 8,9; art 7 s 2

299C.066 CRIME INFORMATION REWARD FUND.

Subdivision 1. Fund created; advisory group. A crime information reward fund is created as an account in the state treasury. Money appropriated to the account is available to pay rewards as directed by the commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the attorney general, under this section.

The attorney general shall appoint an advisory group, in consultation with the commissioner, of five members to assist in implementation of this section.

Subd. 2. Rewards. The commissioner is authorized to pay a reward to any person who, in response to a reward offer, provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of a criminal offender. The commissioner shall establish criteria for determining the amount of the reward and the duration of the reward offer. In no event shall a reward exceed \$10,000 or a reward offer remain open longer than ten days. The commissioner shall select the criminal investigations for which rewards are offered based on recommendations made by the advisory group members or by the law enforcement agency or agencies conducting the criminal investigation.

History: 1994 c 636 art 4 s 18

299C.07 RESTORATION OR DISPOSAL OF STOLEN PROPERTY.

The bureau of criminal apprehension shall make every effort for a period of 90 days after the seizure or recovery of abandoned or stolen property to return the property to the lawful owner or to the sheriff of the county from which it was stolen.

Any such property held by the bureau for more than 90 days, in case the owner cannot be found or if it cannot be determined from what county the property was stolen, shall be sold at public auction by the superintendent of the bureau, or the superintendent's agent, after two weeks' published notice thereof in a legal newspaper in Ramsey county, stating the time and place of the sale and a list of the property to be sold.

The proceeds of the sale shall be applied in payment of the necessary expenses of the sale and all necessary costs, storage, or charges incurred in relation to the property. The balance of the proceeds shall be paid into the general fund.

History: 1941 c 389; 1969 c 399 s 1; 1979 c 333 s 97; 1986 c 444

299C.08 OATHS OF SUPERINTENDENT AND EMPLOYEES.

The superintendent and each employee in the bureau whom the superintendent shall designate, before entering upon the performance of duties under sections 299C.03 to 299C.08, 299C.10, 299C.11, 299C.17, 299C.18, and 299C.21, shall take the usual oath.

History: (9950-8) 1927 c 224 s 4; 1935 c 197 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1991 c 326 s 14

299C.09 SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFICATION OF CRIMINALS; RECORDS AND INDEXES.

The bureau shall install systems for identification of criminals, including the fingerprint system, the modus operandi system, and such others as the superintendent deems proper. The bureau shall keep a complete record and index of all information received in convenient form for consultation and comparison. The bureau shall obtain from wherever procurable and file for record finger and thumb prints, measurements, photographs, plates, outline pictures, descriptions, modus operandi statements, or such other information as the superintendent considers necessary, of persons who have been or shall hereafter be convicted of a felony, gross misdemeanor, or an attempt to commit a felony or gross misdemeanor, within the state, or who are known to be habitual criminals. To the extent that the superintendent may determine it to be necessary, the bureau shall obtain like information concerning persons convicted of a crime under the laws of another state or government, the central repository of this records system is the bureau of criminal apprehension in St. Paul.

History: (9950-9) 1927 c 224 s 5; 1957 c 790 s 1; 1969 c 9 s 92

299C.095 SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFICATION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

(a) The bureau shall administer and maintain the computerized juvenile history record system based on section 260.161 and other statutes requiring the reporting of data on juveniles. The data in the system are private data as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, but are accessible to criminal justice agencies as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 3a, to all trial courts and appellate courts, to a person who has access to the juvenile court records as provided in section 260.161 or under court rule.

(b) Except for access authorized under paragraph (a), the bureau shall only disseminate a juvenile history record in connection with a background check required by statute or rule and performed on a licensee, license applicant, or employment applicant or performed under section 624.713. A consent for release of information from an individual who is the subject of a juvenile history is not effective and the bureau shall not release a juvenile history record and shall not release information in a manner that reveals the existence of the record.

History: 1992 c 571 art 7 s 10; 1996 c 440 art 1 s 49

299C.10 IDENTIFICATION DATA REQUIRED.

Subdivision 1. **Law enforcement duty.** (a) It is hereby made the duty of the sheriffs of the respective counties, of the police officers in cities of the first, second, and third classes,

under the direction of the chiefs of police in such cities, and of community corrections agencies operating secure juvenile detention facilities to take or cause to be taken immediately finger and thumb prints, photographs, distinctive physical mark identification data, and such other identification data as may be requested or required by the superintendent of the bureau; of all persons arrested for a felony, gross misdemeanor, of all juveniles committing felonies as distinguished from those committed by adult offenders, of all persons reasonably believed by the arresting officer to be fugitives from justice, of all persons in whose possession, when arrested, are found concealed firearms or other dangerous weapons, burglar tools or outfits, high-power explosives, or articles, machines, or appliances usable for an unlawful purpose and reasonably believed by the arresting officer to be intended for such purposes, and within 24 hours thereafter to forward such fingerprint records and other identification data on such forms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the superintendent of the bureau of criminal apprehension.

(b) Effective August 1, 1997, the identification reporting requirements shall also apply to persons committing misdemeanor offenses, including violent and enhanceable crimes, and juveniles committing gross misdemeanors. In addition, the reporting requirements shall include any known aliases or street names of the offenders.

Subd. 2. Law enforcement education. The sheriffs and police officers who take finger and thumb prints must obtain training in the proper methods of taking and transmitting finger prints under this section consistent with bureau requirements.

Subd. 3. Bureau duty. The bureau must enter in the criminal records system finger and thumb prints within five working days after they are received under this section.

Subd. 4. Fee for background check; account; appropriation. The superintendent shall collect a fee in an amount to cover the expense for each background check provided for a purpose not directly related to the criminal justice system or required by section 624.7131, 624.7132, or 624.714. The proceeds of the fee must be deposited in a special account. Until July 1, 1997, money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to maintain and improve the quality of the criminal record system in Minnesota.

History: (9950-10) 1927 c 224 s 6; 1929 c 46 s 1; 1935 c 197 s 4; 1957 c 790 s 2; 1993 c 266 s 32; 1994 c 636 art 4 s 19; 1995 c 226 art 4 s 10,11; 1996 c 408 art 6 s 11; 1996 c 440 art 1 s 50

299C.11 IDENTIFICATION DATA FURNISHED TO BUREAU.

(a) The sheriff of each county and the chief of police of each city of the first, second, and third classes shall furnish the bureau, upon such form as the superintendent shall prescribe, with such finger and thumb prints, photographs, distinctive physical mark identification data, and other identification data as may be requested or required by the superintendent of the bureau, which may be taken under the provisions of section 299C.10, of persons who shall be convicted of a felony, gross misdemeanor, or who shall be found to have been convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor, within ten years next preceding their arrest.

(b) No petition under chapter 609A is required if the person has not been convicted of any felony or gross misdemeanor, either within or without the state, within the period of ten years immediately preceding the determination of all pending criminal actions or proceedings in favor of the arrested person, and either of the following occurred:

- (1) all charges were dismissed prior to a determination of probable cause; or
- (2) the prosecuting authority declined to file any charges and a grand jury did not return an indictment.

Where these conditions are met, the bureau or agency shall, upon demand, return to the arrested person finger and thumb prints, photographs, distinctive physical mark identification data, and other identification data, and all copies and duplicates of them.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), upon the determination of all pending criminal actions or proceedings in favor of the arrested person, and the granting of the petition of the arrested person under chapter 609A, the bureau shall seal finger and thumb prints, photographs, distinctive physical mark identification data, and other identification data, and all copies and duplicates of them if the arrested person has not been convicted of

any felony or gross misdemeanor, either within or without the state, within the period of ten years immediately preceding such determination.

(d) DNA samples and DNA records of the arrested person shall not be returned, sealed, or destroyed as to a charge supported by probable cause.

(e) For purposes of this section, "determination of all pending criminal actions or proceedings in favor of the arrested person" does not include:

(1) the sealing of a criminal record pursuant to section 152.18, subdivision 1, 242.31, 609.168, or chapter 609A;

(2) the arrested person's successful completion of a diversion program;

(3) an order of discharge under section 609.165; or

(4) a pardon granted under section 638.02.

History: (9950-11) 1927 c 224 s 7; 1929 c 46 s 2; 1935 c 197 s 5; 1957 c 790 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1992 c 569 s 16; 1994 c 636 art 4 s 20; 1995 c 259 art 1 s 49; 1996 c 408 art 9 s 5

299C.115 WARRANT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO STATE.

By January 1, 1996, every county shall, in the manner provided in either clause (1) or (2), make warrant information available to other users of the Minnesota criminal justice information system:

(1) the county shall enter the warrant information in the warrant file of the Minnesota criminal justice information system; or

(2) the county, at no charge to the state, shall make the warrant information that is maintained in the county's computer accessible by means of a single query to the Minnesota criminal justice information system.

As used in this section, "warrant information" means information on all outstanding felony, gross misdemeanor, and misdemeanor warrants for adults and juveniles that are issued within the county.

History: 1994 c 636 art 4 s 21

299C.12 RECORDS KEPT BY PEACE OFFICERS; REPORTS.

Every peace officer shall keep or cause to be kept a permanent written record, in such form as the superintendent may prescribe, of all felonies reported to or discovered by the officer within the officer's jurisdiction and of all warrants of arrest for felonies and search warrants issued to the officer in relation to the commission of felonies, and shall make or cause to be made to the sheriff of the county and the bureau reports of all such crimes, upon such forms as the superintendent may prescribe, including a statement of the facts and a description of the offender, so far as known, the offender's method of operation, the action taken by the officer, and such other information as the superintendent may require.

History: (9950-12) 1927 c 224 s 8; 1959 c 409 s 1; 1986 c 444

299C.13 INFORMATION FURNISHED TO PEACE OFFICERS.

Upon receipt of information data as to any arrested person, the bureau shall immediately ascertain whether the person arrested has a criminal record or is a fugitive from justice, and shall at once inform the arresting officer of the facts ascertained. Upon application by any sheriff, chief of police, or other peace officer in the state, or by an officer of the United States or by an officer of another state, territory, or government duly authorized to receive the same and effecting reciprocal interchange of similar information with the division, it shall be the duty of the bureau to furnish all information in its possession pertaining to the identification of any person. If the bureau has a sealed record on the arrested person, it shall notify the requesting peace officer of that fact and of the right to seek a court order to open the record for purposes of law enforcement. A criminal justice agency shall be notified, upon request, of the existence and contents of a sealed record containing conviction information about an applicant for employment. For purposes of this section a "criminal justice agency" means courts or a government agency that performs the administration of criminal justice under statutory authority.

History: (9950-13) 1927 c 224 s 9; 1992 c 569 s 17; 1996 c 408 art 9 s 6

299C.14 INFORMATION ON RELEASED PRISONERS PROVIDED TO BUREAU.

It shall be the duty of the officials having charge of the penal institutions of the state or the release of prisoners therefrom to furnish to the bureau, as the superintendent may require, finger and thumb prints, photographs, distinctive physical mark identification data, other identification data, modus operandi reports, and criminal records of prisoners heretofore, now, or hereafter confined in such penal institutions, together with the period of their service and the time, terms, and conditions of their discharge.

History: (9950-14) 1937 c 224 s 10; 1969 c 9 s 93; 1994 c 636 art 4 s 22

299C.145 DISTINCTIVE PHYSICAL MARK IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM; ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, RULES.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section and in sections 299C.10, 299C.11, and 299C.14, "distinctive physical mark identification data" means a photograph of a brand, scar, or tattoo, and a description of the body location where the distinctive physical mark appears.

Subd. 2. **System establishment.** The superintendent shall establish and maintain a system within the bureau to enable law enforcement agencies to submit and obtain distinctive physical mark identification data on persons who are under investigation for criminal activity. The system shall cross-reference the distinctive physical mark identification data with the name of the individual from whose body the distinctive physical mark identification data was obtained. The system also shall cross-reference distinctive physical mark identification data with the names of individuals who have been identified as having a similar or identical distinctive physical mark in the same body location.

Subd. 3. **Authority to enter or retrieve data.** Only law enforcement agencies may submit data to and obtain data from the distinctive physical mark identification system.

Subd. 4. **Rules.** The bureau may adopt rules to provide for the orderly collection, entry, and retrieval of data contained in the distinctive physical mark identification system.

History: 1994 c 636 art 4 s 23

299C.15 BUREAU TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS.

The bureau shall cooperate and exchange information with other organizations for criminal identification, either within or without the state, for the purpose of developing, improving, and carrying on an efficient system for the identification and apprehension of criminals.

History: (9950-15) 1927 c 224 s 11

299C.155 STANDARDIZED EVIDENCE COLLECTION; DNA ANALYSIS DATA AND RECORDS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, "DNA analysis" means the process through which deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) in a human biological specimen is analyzed and compared with DNA from another human biological specimen for identification purposes.

Subd. 2. **Uniform evidence collection.** The bureau shall develop uniform procedures and protocols for collecting evidence in cases of alleged or suspected criminal sexual conduct, including procedures and protocols for the collection and preservation of human biological specimens for DNA analysis. Law enforcement agencies and medical personnel who conduct evidentiary exams shall use the uniform procedures and protocols in their investigation of criminal sexual conduct offenses. The uniform procedures and protocols developed under this subdivision are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14.

Subd. 3. **DNA analysis and data bank.** The bureau shall adopt uniform procedures and protocols to maintain, preserve, and analyze human biological specimens for DNA. The bureau shall establish a centralized system to cross-reference data obtained from DNA analysis. The uniform procedures and protocols developed under this subdivision are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14.

Subd. 4. **Records.** The bureau shall perform DNA analysis and make data obtained available to law enforcement officials in connection with criminal investigations in which human biological specimens have been recovered. Upon request, the bureau shall also make the data available to the prosecutor and the subject of the data in any subsequent criminal prosecution of the subject.

History: 1989 c 290 art 4 s 7; 1990 c 499 s 5,6

299C.16 BUREAU TO BROADCAST INFORMATION TO PEACE OFFICERS.

The bureau shall broadcast, by mail, wire, and wireless, to peace officers such information as to wrongdoers wanted, property stolen or recovered, and other intelligence as may help in controlling crime.

History: (9950-16) 1927 c 224 s 12

299C.17 REPORTS TO BUREAU BY COURT ADMINISTRATORS.

The superintendent shall have power to require the court administrator of any county to file with the department, at such time as the superintendent may designate, a report, upon such form as the superintendent may prescribe, furnishing such information as the superintendent may require with regard to the prosecution and disposition of criminal cases. A copy of the report shall be kept on file in the office of the court administrator.

History: (9950-18) 1927 c 224 s 14; 1935 c 197 s 6; 1986 c 444; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 1 s 82

299C.18 REPORTS.

Biennially, on or before November 15, in each even-numbered year the superintendent shall submit to the governor and the legislature a detailed report of the operations of the bureau, of information about crime and the handling of crimes and criminals by state and local officials collected by the bureau, and the superintendent's interpretations of the information, with comments and recommendations. The data contained in the report on Part I offenses cleared by arrest, as defined by the United States Department of Justice, shall be collected and tabulated geographically at least on a county-by-county basis. In such reports the superintendent shall, from time to time, include recommendations to the legislature for dealing with crime and criminals and information as to conditions and methods in other states in reference thereto, and shall furnish a copy of such report to each member of the legislature.

History: (9950-19) 1927 c 224 s 15; 1935 c 197 s 7; 1955 c 847 s 29; 1969 c 540 s 14; 1986 c 444; 1992 c 511 art 1 s 12

299C.19 EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS.

Every employee of the bureau shall be deemed an employee of the state within the meaning of the workers' compensation laws of this state and entitled to the benefit of all the provisions of those laws applicable to state employees.

History: (9950-20) 1927 c 224 s 16; 1975 c 359 s 23; 1981 c 64 s 1

299C.20 CONSTRUCTION.

It is hereby declared that sections 299C.03 to 299C.20 are necessary for the public safety, peace and welfare, are remedial in nature, shall be construed liberally, and that, in case any part thereof shall be declared unconstitutional, it shall not in any way affect any other part.

History: (9950-21) 1927 c 224 s 17

299C.21 PENALTY ON LOCAL OFFICERS REFUSING INFORMATION.

If any public official charged with the duty of furnishing to the bureau fingerprint records, reports, or other information required by sections 299C.06, 299C.10, 299C.11, 299C.17, shall neglect or refuse to comply with such requirement, the bureau, in writing, shall notify the state, county, or city officer charged with the issuance of a warrant for the payment of the salary of such official. Upon the receipt of the notice the state, county, or city

official shall withhold the issuance of a warrant for the payment of the salary or other compensation accruing to such officer for the period of 30 days thereafter until notified by the bureau that such suspension has been released by the performance of the required duty.

History: (9950-22) 1935 c 197 s 8

299C.22 SECURITY GUARD; DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; REPORT.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, "security guard" means any person who is paid a fee, wage or salary to perform one or more of the following functions:

(a) Prevention or detection of intrusion, unauthorized entry or activity, vandalism, or trespass on private property;

(b) Prevention or detection of theft, loss, embezzlement, misappropriation, or concealment of merchandise, money, bonds, stocks, notes, or other valuable documents or papers;

(c) Control, regulation, or direction of the flow or movements of the public, whether by vehicle or otherwise, to assure protection of private property;

(d) Protection of individuals from bodily harm; or

(e) Enforcement of policies and rules of the security guard's employer related to crime reduction insofar as such enforcement falls within the scope of the guard's duties.

The provisions of this subdivision are not intended to include within the definition of "security guard" auditors, accountants, and accounting personnel whether or not they are employees of a private firm, corporation or independent accounting firm.

Subd. 2. **Reports.** Each discharge of a firearm by a security guard in the course of employment, other than for training purposes, shall be reported to the chief of police of an organized full-time police department of the municipality in which the discharge occurred or to the county sheriff if there is no local chief of police. Reports required to be made under this subdivision shall be forwarded to the bureau of criminal apprehension upon forms as may be prescribed and furnished by the bureau. The superintendent shall cause a summary of the reports to be compiled and published annually.

History: 1979 c 196 s 1; 1986 c 444

299C.23 CONTINUING EDUCATION FEES.

The commissioner of public safety may charge tuition to cover the cost of continuing education courses provided by the bureau of criminal apprehension when money available to the commissioner for this purpose is not adequate to pay these costs. The tuition fees collected are appropriated to the commissioner.

History: 1989 c 269 s 44

RADIO BROADCASTING

299C.30 RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS MAY BE INSTALLED.

The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized to purchase, secure the necessary air privilege, lease or otherwise acquire, and install one or more radio broadcasting stations to be used for police purposes only, under the direction of the bureau of criminal apprehension.

History: (9950-41) 1935 c 195 s 1

299C.31 BUREAU TO MAINTAIN STATION.

The bureau is hereby charged with the maintenance, operation, and conduct of all radio broadcasting stations established under the provisions of sections 299C.30 to 299C.38.

History: (9950-42) 1935 c 195 s 2

299C.32 POLICE CARS TO HAVE RADIOS.

When the broadcasting station or stations authorized by sections 299C.30 to 299C.38 have been established and are ready for operation, the bureau shall notify immediately the

board of county commissioners in each county of the state that such radio service has been established; and forthwith the board shall provide for the purchase and installation in the office of the sheriff and at such other places within each county as it may direct, and in at least one motor vehicle used by the sheriff in the conduct of the sheriff's office, a locked-in radio receiving set of the character prescribed by the bureau for use in connection with the broadcasting station or stations so established.

History: (9950-43) 1935 c 195 s 3; Ex1936 c 104 s 1; 1986 c 444

299C.33 RECEIVING STATIONS IN CITIES.

The council of each city in the state shall, and the council of each statutory city in the state may, purchase, install, and maintain in such place as the council may determine, at least one such locked-in radio receiving set, as may be prescribed by the bureau for use in law enforcement and police work in such city or statutory city in connection with the broadcasting system thereby established.

History: (9950-44) 1935 c 195 s 4; Ex1936 c 104 s 2; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7

299C.34 COMMISSIONER TO SUPPLY BROADCASTING SETS.

The commissioner of administration shall purchase and supply the bureau of criminal apprehension with such locked-in radio receiving sets as are deemed necessary by the superintendent.

History: (9950-45) 1935 c 195 s 5; Ex1936 c 104 s 3

299C.35 BUREAU TO BROADCAST CRIMINAL INFORMATION.

It shall be the duty of the bureau to broadcast all police dispatches and reports submitted which, in the opinion of the superintendent, shall have a reasonable relation to or connection with the apprehension of criminals, the prevention of crime, and the maintenance of peace and order throughout the state. Every sheriff, peace officer, or other person employing a radio receiving set under the provisions of sections 299C.30 to 299C.38 shall make report to the bureau at such times and containing such information as the superintendent shall direct.

History: (9950-46) 1935 c 195 s 6

299C.36 TELEPHONE COMPANIES TO GIVE PRIORITY TO MESSAGES.

Every telegraph and telephone company operating in the state shall give priority to all messages or calls directed to the broadcasting station or stations established under sections 299C.30 to 299C.38.

History: (9950-47) 1935 c 195 s 7

299C.37 POLICE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT; USE, SALE.

Subdivision 1. **Use regulated.** (a) No person other than peace officers within the state, the members of the state patrol, and persons who hold an amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, shall equip any motor vehicle with any radio equipment or combination of equipment, capable of receiving any radio signal, message, or information from any police emergency frequency, or install, use, or possess the equipment in a motor vehicle without permission from the superintendent of the bureau upon a form prescribed by the superintendent. An amateur radio license holder is not entitled to exercise the privilege granted by this paragraph if the license holder has been convicted in this state or elsewhere of a crime of violence, as defined in section 624.712, subdivision 5, unless ten years have elapsed since the person has been restored to civil rights or the sentence has expired, whichever occurs first, and during that time the person has not been convicted of any other crime of violence. For purposes of this section, "crime of violence" includes a crime in another state or jurisdiction that would have been a crime of violence if it had been committed in this state. Radio equipment installed, used, or possessed as permitted by this paragraph must be under the direct control of the license holder whenever it is used.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), any person who is convicted of a violation of this subdivision shall, upon conviction for the first offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the second and subsequent offenses shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(c) An amateur radio license holder who exercises the privilege granted by paragraph (a) shall carry the amateur radio license in the motor vehicle at all times and shall present the license to a peace officer on request. A violation of this paragraph is a petty misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1971 c 71 s 2]

Subd. 3. **Permit.** The superintendent of the bureau shall, upon written application, issue a written permit, which shall be nontransferable, to a person, firm, or corporation showing good cause to use radio equipment capable of receiving a police emergency frequency, as a necessity, in the lawful pursuit of a business, trade, or occupation.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1983 c 293 s 115]

History: (9950-48) 1935 c 195 s 8; 1961 c 661 s 1; 1965 c 721 s 1; 1981 c 37 s 2; 1983 c 293 s 91; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 191 s 1

299C.38 PRIORITY OF POLICE COMMUNICATIONS, VIOLATIONS.

Any telegraph or telephone operator who shall fail to give priority to police messages or calls as provided in sections 299C.30 to 299C.38, and any person who willfully makes any false, misleading, or unfounded report to any broadcasting station established thereunder for the purpose of interfering with the operation thereof, or with the intention of misleading any officer of this state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: (9950-50) 1935 c 195 s 10; 1965 c 721 s 2

DATA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

299C.45 [Repealed, 1977 c 424 s 5]

299C.46 ESTABLISHMENT OF NETWORK, USE.

Subdivision 1. **Interconnection.** The commissioner of public safety shall establish a criminal justice data communications network which will enable the interconnection of the criminal justice agencies within the state into a unified criminal justice information system. The commissioner of public safety is authorized to lease or purchase facilities and equipment as may be necessary to establish and maintain the data communications network.

Subd. 2. **Criminal justice agency defined.** For the purposes of sections 299C.46 to 299C.49, "criminal justice agency" means an agency of the state or an agency of a political subdivision charged with detection, enforcement, prosecution, adjudication or incarceration in respect to the criminal or traffic laws of this state. This definition also includes all sites identified and licensed as a detention facility by the commissioner of corrections under section 241.021.

Subd. 3. **Authorized use, fee.** (a) The data communications network shall be used exclusively by:

(1) criminal justice agencies in connection with the performance of duties required by law;

(2) agencies investigating federal security clearances of individuals for assignment or retention in federal employment with duties related to national security, as required by Public Law Number 99-1691; and

(3) other agencies to the extent necessary to provide for protection of the public or property in an emergency or disaster situation.

(b) The commissioner of public safety shall establish a monthly network access charge to be paid by each participating criminal justice agency. The network access charge shall be a standard fee established for each terminal, computer, or other equipment directly addressable by the criminal justice data communications network, as follows: January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1984, \$40 connect fee per month; January 1, 1985 and thereafter, \$50 connect fee per month.

(c) The commissioner of public safety is authorized to arrange for the connection of the data communications network with the criminal justice information system of the federal government, any adjacent state, or Canada.

Subd. 4. **Commissioner administers and coordinates.** The commissioner of public safety shall administer the data communications network and shall coordinate matters relating to its use by other state agencies and political subdivisions. The commissioner shall receive the assistance of the commissioner of administration on matters involving the department of administration and its information systems division. Other state department or agency heads shall assist the commissioner where necessary in the performance of the commissioner's duties under this section.

Subd. 5. **Diversion program data.** Counties operating diversion programs under section 401.065 shall supply to the bureau of criminal apprehension the names of and other identifying data specified by the bureau concerning diversion program participants. Notwithstanding section 299C.11, the bureau shall maintain the names and data in the computerized criminal history system for 20 years from the date of the offense. Data maintained under this subdivision are private data.

History: 1965 c 903 s 1; 1967 c 334 s 2; 1977 c 424 s 1; 1983 c 293 s 92; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 166 s 1; 1993 c 326 art 10 s 8; 1996 c 440 art 1 s 51

299C.47 [Repealed, 1976 c 149 s 63]

299C.48 CONNECTIONS BY AUTHORIZED AGENCY; STANDING APPROPRIATION.

(a) An agency authorized under section 299C.46, subdivision 3, may connect with and participate in the criminal justice data communications network upon approval of the commissioner of public safety; provided, that the agency shall first agree to pay installation charges as may be necessary for connection and monthly operational charges as may be established by the commissioner of public safety. Before participation by a criminal justice agency may be approved, the agency must have executed an agreement with the commissioner providing for security of network facilities and restrictions on access to data supplied to and received through the network.

(b) The installation and monthly operational charges collected by the commissioner of public safety under paragraph (a) are annually appropriated to the commissioner to administer sections 299C.46 to 299C.50.

History: 1965 c 903 s 3; 1967 c 334 s 2; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1977 c 424 s 2; 1987 c 166 s 2; 1987 c 320 s 2

299C.49 GRANT REVIEW.

The commissioner of public safety, after consultation with representatives of criminal justice agencies, shall review all grant requests for federal and state funds from the governor's commission on crime prevention and control or its successor for criminal justice information systems and recommend action to the commission.

History: 1977 c 424 s 3

299C.50 TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.

The commissioner of public safety shall perform all duties in respect to the state's criminal justice information system which were transferred from the commissioner of finance and the governor's commission on crime prevention and control by executive order of the governor; provided, that a transfer shall not occur if the state is informed by a federal agency that the transfer will result in the loss of federal moneys to which the state would otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, Public Law Number 90-351, as amended by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, Public Law Number 93-415, and the Crime Control Act of 1976, Public Law Number 94-503.

History: 1977 c 424 s 4

MISSING CHILDREN

299C.51 CITATION.

Sections 299C.51 to 299C.53 may be cited as the "Minnesota missing children's act."

History: 1984 c 510 s 1

299C.52 MINNESOTA MISSING CHILD PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in sections 299C.52 to 299C.56, the following terms have the meanings given them:

- (a) "Child" means any person under the age of 18 years or any person certified or known to be mentally incompetent;
- (b) "CJIS" means Minnesota criminal justice information system;
- (c) "Missing" means the status of a child after a law enforcement agency that has received a report of a missing child has conducted a preliminary investigation and determined that the child cannot be located;
- (d) "NCIC" means National Crime Information Center; and
- (e) "Endangered" means that a law enforcement official has received sufficient evidence that the child is with a person who presents a threat of immediate physical injury to the child or physical or sexual abuse of the child.

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner of public safety shall maintain a Minnesota missing child program within the department to enable documented information about missing Minnesota children to be entered into the NCIC computer.

Subd. 3. **Computer equipment and programs.** The commissioner shall provide the necessary computer hardware and computer programs to enter, modify, and cancel information on missing children in the NCIC computer through the CJIS. These programs must provide for search and retrieval of information using the following identifiers: physical description, name and date of birth, name and social security number, name and driver's license number, vehicle license number, and vehicle identification number. The commissioner shall also provide a system for regional, statewide, multistate, and nationwide broadcasts of information on missing children. These broadcasts shall be made by local law enforcement agencies where possible or, in the case of statewide or nationwide broadcasts, by the bureau of criminal apprehension upon request of the local law enforcement agency.

Subd. 4. **Authority to enter or retrieve information.** Only law enforcement agencies may enter missing child information through the CJIS into the NCIC computer or retrieve information through the CJIS from the NCIC computer.

Subd. 5. **Statistical data.** The commissioner shall annually compile and make available statistical information on the number of missing children entered into the NCIC computer and, if available, information on the number located.

Subd. 6. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules in conformance with sections 299C.52 to 299C.56 to provide for the orderly collection and entry of missing child information and requests for retrieval of missing child information.

History: 1984 c 510 s 2; 1991 c 285 s 4-6; 1994 c 636 art 4 s 24

299C.53 MISSING CHILD REPORTS; DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Subdivision 1. **Investigation and entry of information.** Upon receiving a report of a child believed to be missing, a law enforcement agency shall conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the child is missing. If the child is initially determined to be missing and endangered, the agency shall immediately consult the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension during the preliminary investigation, in recognition of the fact that the first two hours are critical. If the child is determined to be missing, the agency shall immediately enter identifying and descriptive information about the child through the CJIS into the NCIC computer. Law enforcement agencies having direct access to the CJIS and the NCIC computer shall enter and retrieve the data directly and shall cooperate in the entry and retrieval of data on behalf of law enforcement agencies which do not have direct access to the systems.

Subd. 2. **Location of missing child.** Immediately after a missing child is located, the law enforcement agency which located or returned the missing child shall notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the investigation, and that agency shall cancel the entry from the NCIC computer.

Subd. 3. **Missing and endangered children.** If the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension receives a report from a law enforcement agency indicating that a child is missing and endan-

gered, the superintendent may assist the law enforcement agency in conducting the preliminary investigation, offer resources, and assist the agency in helping implement the investigation policy with particular attention to the need for immediate action.

History: 1984 c 510 s 3; 1994 c 636 art 4 s 25,26

299C.54 MISSING CHILDREN BULLETINS.

Subdivision 1. **Missing children bulletin.** The commissioner shall distribute a missing children bulletin on a quarterly basis to local law enforcement agencies, county attorneys, and public and nonpublic schools. The commissioner shall also make this information accessible to other parties involved in efforts to locate missing children and to other persons as the commissioner considers appropriate.

Subd. 2. **Photographs.** The commissioner shall provide appropriate local law enforcement agencies with a list of missing children, with an appropriate waiver form to assist the agency in obtaining a photograph of each missing child. Local agencies shall obtain the most recent photograph available for missing children and forward those photographs to the commissioner. The commissioner shall include these photographs, as they become available, in the quarterly bulletins.

Subd. 3. **Included with mailings.** State and local elected officials and agencies may enclose in their mailings information regarding missing children obtained from law enforcement agencies or from any organization that is recognized as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under state or federal law and has an ongoing missing children program. Elected officials and commissioners of state agencies are urged to develop policies to enclose missing children information in mailings when it will not increase postage costs and is otherwise considered appropriate.

Subd. 3a. **Collection of data.** Identifying information on missing children entered into the NCIC computer regarding cases that are still active at the time the missing children bulletin is compiled each quarter may be included in the bulletin.

Subd. 4. **Data classification.** The information included in the missing children bulletin is public data as defined in section 13.01, subdivision 15.

History: 1991 c 285 s 7; 1993 c 326 art 10 s 9

299C.55 TRAINING.

The commissioner shall adopt standards for training appropriate personnel concerning the investigation of missing children cases.

History: 1991 c 285 s 8

299C.56 RELEASE OF MEDICAL DATA.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Health care facility" means the office of a dentist or physician, or another medical facility, that is in possession of identifying data.

(c) "Identifying data" means dental or skeletal X-rays, or both, and related information, previously created in the course of providing dental or medical care to a child who has now been reported as missing.

Subd. 2. **Written declaration.** If a child is reported missing, a law enforcement agency may execute a written declaration, stating that an active investigation seeking the location of the missing child is being conducted, and that the identifying data are necessary for the exclusive purpose of furthering the investigation. Notwithstanding chapter 13 or section 144.651, subdivision 16, when a written declaration executed under this subdivision, signed by a peace officer, is presented to a health care facility, the facility shall provide access to the missing child's identifying data to the law enforcement agency.

History: 1991 c 285 s 9

CHILD PROTECTION BACKGROUND CHECK**299C.60 CITATION.**

Sections 299C.60 to 299C.64 may be cited as the "Minnesota child protection background check act."

History: 1992 c 569 s 18

299C.61 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Terms.** The definitions in this section apply to sections 299C.60 to 299C.64.

Subd. 2. **Background check crime.** "Background check crime" includes child abuse crimes, murder, manslaughter, felony level assault or any assault crime committed against a minor, kidnapping, arson, criminal sexual conduct, and prostitution-related crimes.

Subd. 3. **Child.** "Child" means an individual under the age of 18.

Subd. 4. **Child abuse crime.** "Child abuse crime" means:

(1) an act committed against a minor victim that constitutes a violation of section 609.185, clause (5); 609.221; 609.222; 609.223; 609.224; 609.2242; 609.322; 609.323; 609.324; 609.342; 609.343; 609.344; 609.345; 609.352; 609.377; or 609.378; or

(2) a violation of section 152.021, subdivision 1, clause (4); 152.022, subdivision 1, clause (5) or (6); 152.023, subdivision 1, clause (3) or (4); 152.023, subdivision 2, clause (4) or (6); or 152.024, subdivision 1, clause (2), (3), or (4).

Subd. 5. **Children's service provider.** "Children's service provider" means a business or organization, whether public, private, for profit, nonprofit, or voluntary, that provides children's services, including a business or organization that licenses or certifies others to provide children's services. "Children's service provider" includes an international student exchange visitor placement organization under chapter 5A.

Subd. 6. **Children's service worker.** "Children's service worker" means a person who has, may have, or seeks to have access to a child to whom the children's service provider provides children's services, and who:

(1) is employed by, volunteers with, or seeks to be employed by or volunteer with a children's service provider; or

(2) owns, operates, or seeks to own or operate a children's service provider.

Subd. 7. **Children's services.** "Children's services" means the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, or recreation to children.

Subd. 8. **CJIS.** "CJIS" means the Minnesota criminal justice information system.

Subd. 9. **Superintendent.** "Superintendent" means the superintendent of the bureau of criminal apprehension.

History: 1992 c 569 s 19; 1993 c 238 s 8; 1994 c 465 art 1 s 36; 1995 c 259 art 3 s

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299C.62 BACKGROUND CHECKS.

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The superintendent shall develop procedures to enable a children's service provider to request a background check to determine whether a children's service worker is the subject of any reported conviction for a background check crime. The superintendent shall perform the background check by retrieving and reviewing data on background check crimes maintained in the CJIS computers. The superintendent is authorized to exchange fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for purposes of a criminal history check. The superintendent shall recover the cost of a background check through a fee charged the children's service provider.

Subd. 2. **Background checks; requirements.** The superintendent may not perform a background check under this section unless the children's service provider submits a written document, signed by the children's service worker on whom the background check is to be performed, containing the following:

(1) a question asking whether the children's service worker has ever been convicted of a background check crime and if so, requiring a description of the crime and the particulars of the conviction;

(2) a notification to the children's service worker that the children's service provider will request the superintendent to perform a background check under this section; and

(3) a notification to the children's service worker of the children's service worker's rights under subdivision 3.

Background checks performed under this section may only be requested by and provided to authorized representatives of a children's service provider who have a need to know the information and may be used only for the purposes of sections 299C.60 to 299C.64. Background checks may be performed pursuant to this section not later than one year after the document is submitted under this section.

Subd. 3. Children's service worker rights. (a) The children's service provider shall notify the children's service worker of the children's service worker's rights under paragraph (b).

(b) A children's service worker who is the subject of a background check request has the following rights:

(1) the right to be informed that a children's service provider will request a background check on the children's service worker:

(i) for purposes of the children's service worker's application to be employed by, volunteer with, or be an owner of a children's service provider or for purposes of continuing as an employee, volunteer, or owner; and

(ii) to determine whether the children's service worker has been convicted of any crime specified in section 299C.61, subdivision 2 or 4;

(2) the right to be informed by the children's service provider of the superintendent's response to the background check and to obtain from the children's service provider a copy of the background check report;

(3) the right to obtain from the superintendent any record that forms the basis for the report;

(4) the right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the report or record pursuant to section 13.04, subdivision 4;

(5) the right to be informed by the children's service provider if the children's service worker's application to be employed with, volunteer with, or be an owner of a children's service provider, or to continue as an employee, volunteer, or owner, has been denied because of the superintendent's response; and

(6) the right not to be required directly or indirectly to pay the cost of the background check.

Subd. 4. Response of bureau. The superintendent shall respond to a background check request within a reasonable time after receiving the signed, written document described in subdivision 2. The superintendent shall provide the children's service provider with a copy of the applicant's criminal record or a statement that the applicant is not the subject of a criminal history record at the bureau. It is the responsibility of the service provider to determine if the applicant qualifies as an employee or volunteer under this section.

Subd. 5. No duty. Sections 299C.60 to 299C.64 do not create a duty to perform a background check.

Subd. 6. Admissibility of evidence. Evidence or proof that a background check of a volunteer was not requested under sections 299C.60 to 299C.64 by a children's service provider is not admissible in evidence in any litigation against a nonprofit or charitable organization.

History: 1992 c 569 s 20; 1995 c 226 art 4 s 12

299C.63 EXCEPTION; OTHER LAWS.

The superintendent is not required to respond to a background check request concerning a children's service worker who, as a condition of occupational licensure or employment,

is subject to the background study requirements imposed by any statute or rule other than sections 299C.60 to 299C.64. A background check performed on a licensee, license applicant, or employment applicant under this section does not satisfy the requirements of any statute or rule other than sections 299C.60 to 299C.64, that provides for background study of members of an individual's particular occupation.

History: 1992 c 569 s 21

299C.64 BCA IMMUNITY.

The bureau of criminal apprehension is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise arise under sections 299C.60 to 299C.63, based on the accuracy or completeness of any records it receives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, if the bureau acts in good faith.

History: 1992 c 569 s 22

INFORMATION POLICY GROUP

299C.65 CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION POLICY GROUP.

Subdivision 1. **Membership, duties.** The criminal and juvenile information policy group consists of the chair of the sentencing guidelines commission, the commissioner of corrections, the commissioner of public safety, and the state court administrator.

The policy group shall study and make recommendations to the governor, the supreme court, and the legislature on:

(1) a framework for integrated criminal justice information systems, including the development and maintenance of a community data model for state, county, and local criminal justice information;

(2) the responsibilities of each entity within the criminal and juvenile justice systems concerning the collection, maintenance, dissemination, and sharing of criminal justice information with one another;

(3) actions necessary to ensure that information maintained in the criminal justice information systems is accurate and up-to-date;

(4) the development of an information system containing criminal justice information on gross misdemeanor-level and felony-level juvenile offenders that is part of the integrated criminal justice information system framework;

(5) the development of an information system containing criminal justice information on misdemeanor arrests, prosecutions, and convictions that is part of the integrated criminal justice information system framework;

(6) comprehensive training programs and requirements for all individuals in criminal justice agencies to ensure the quality and accuracy of information in those systems;

(7) continuing education requirements for individuals in criminal justice agencies who are responsible for the collection, maintenance, dissemination, and sharing of criminal justice data;

(8) a periodic audit process to ensure the quality and accuracy of information contained in the criminal justice information systems;

(9) the equipment, training, and funding needs of the state and local agencies that participate in the criminal justice information systems;

(10) the impact of integrated criminal justice information systems on individual privacy rights;

(11) the impact of proposed legislation on the criminal justice system, including any fiscal impact, need for training, changes in information systems, and changes in processes;

(12) the collection of data on race and ethnicity in criminal justice information systems;

(13) the development of a tracking system for domestic abuse orders for protection;

(14) processes for expungement, correction of inaccurate records, destruction of records, and other matters relating to the privacy interests of individuals; and

(15) the development of a database for extended jurisdiction juvenile records and whether the records should be public or private and how long they should be retained.

Subd. 2. **Report, task force.** The policy group shall file an annual report with the governor, supreme court, and legislature by December 1 of each even-numbered year.

The report must make recommendations concerning any legislative changes or appropriations that are needed to ensure that the criminal justice information systems operate accurately and efficiently. To assist them in developing their recommendations, the chair, the commissioners, and the administrator shall appoint a task force consisting of the members of the criminal and juvenile justice information policy group or their designees and the following additional members:

- (1) the director of the office of strategic and long-range planning;
- (2) two sheriffs recommended by the Minnesota sheriffs association;
- (3) two police chiefs recommended by the Minnesota chiefs of police association;
- (4) two county attorneys recommended by the Minnesota county attorneys association;
- (5) two city attorneys recommended by the Minnesota league of cities;
- (6) two public defenders appointed by the board of public defense;
- (7) two district judges appointed by the conference of chief judges, one of whom is currently assigned to the juvenile court;
- (8) two community corrections administrators recommended by the Minnesota association of counties, one of whom represents a community corrections act county;
- (9) two probation officers;
- (10) two public members, one of whom has been a victim of crime;
- (11) two court administrators;
- (12) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;

and

- (13) two members of the senate appointed by the majority leader.

Subd. 3. **Continuing education program.** The criminal and juvenile information policy group shall explore the feasibility of developing and implementing a continuing education program for state, county, and local criminal justice information agencies. The policy group shall consult with representatives of public and private post-secondary institutions in determining the most effective manner in which the training shall be provided. The policy group shall include recommendations in the 1994 report to the legislature.

Subd. 4. **Criminal code numbering scheme.** The policy group shall study and make recommendations on a structured numbering scheme for the criminal code to facilitate identification of the offense and the elements of the crime and shall include recommendations in the 1994 report to the legislature.

History: 1993 c 266 s 33; 1994 c 576 s 41

PROPERTY MANAGER BACKGROUND CHECK

299C.66 CITATION.

Sections 299C.66 to 299C.71 may be cited as the "Kari Koskinen manager background check act."

History: 1995 c 226 art 4 s 13

299C.67 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Terms.** The definitions in this section apply to sections 299C.66 to 299C.71.

Subd. 2. **Background check crime.** "Background check crime" means:

- (a)(1) a felony violation of section 609.185 (first degree murder); 609.19 (second degree murder); 609.20 (first degree manslaughter); 609.221 (first degree assault); 609.222 (second degree assault); 609.223 (third degree assault); 609.25 (kidnapping); 609.342 (first

degree criminal sexual conduct); 609.343 (second degree criminal sexual conduct); 609.344 (third degree criminal sexual conduct); 609.345 (fourth degree criminal sexual conduct); 609.561 (first degree arson); or 609.749 (harassment and stalking);

(2) an attempt to commit a crime in clause (1); or

(3) a conviction for a crime in another jurisdiction that would be a violation under clause (1) or an attempt under clause (1) in this state; or

(b)(1) a felony violation of section 609.195 (third degree murder); 609.205 (second degree manslaughter); 609.21 (criminal vehicular homicide and injury); 609.2231 (fourth degree assault); 609.224 (fifth degree assault); 609.24 (simple robbery); 609.245 (aggravated robbery); 609.255 (false imprisonment); 609.52 (theft); 609.582, subdivision 1 or 2 (burglary); 609.713 (terroristic threats); or a nonfelony violation of section 609.749 (harassment and stalking);

(2) an attempt to commit a crime in clause (1); or

(3) a conviction for a crime in another jurisdiction that would be a violation under clause (1) or an attempt under clause (1) in this state.

Subd. 3. **CJIS.** "CJIS" means the Minnesota criminal justice information system.

Subd. 4. **Manager.** "Manager" means an individual who is hired or is applying to be hired by an owner and who has or would have the means, within the scope of the individual's duties, to enter tenants' dwelling units. "Manager" does not include a person who is hired on a casual basis and not in the ongoing course of the business of the owner.

Subd. 5. **Owner.** "Owner" has the meaning given in section 566.18, subdivision 3. However, "owner" does not include a person who owns, operates, or is in control of a health care facility or a home health agency licensed by the commissioner of health or human services under chapter 144, 144A, 144B, or 245A, or a board and lodging establishment with special services registered under section 157.17.

Subd. 6. **Superintendent.** "Superintendent" means the superintendent of the bureau of criminal apprehension.

Subd. 7. **Tenant.** "Tenant" has the meaning given in section 566.18, subdivision 2.

History: 1995 c 226 art 4 s 14; 1996 c 408 art 10 s 7

299C.68 BACKGROUND CHECKS ON MANAGERS.

Subdivision 1. **When required.** Before hiring a manager, an owner shall request the superintendent to conduct a background check under this section. An owner may employ a manager after requesting a background check under this section before receipt of the background check report, provided that the owner complies with section 299C.69. An owner may request a background check for a currently employed manager under this section. By July 1, 1996, an owner shall request the superintendent to conduct a background check under this section for managers hired before July 1, 1995, who are currently employed.

Subd. 2. **Procedures.** The superintendent shall develop procedures to enable an owner to request a background check to determine whether a manager is the subject of a reported conviction for a background check crime. The superintendent shall perform the background check by retrieving and reviewing data on background check crimes maintained in the CJIS computers. The superintendent shall notify the owner in writing of the results of the background check. If the manager has resided in Minnesota for less than five years or upon request of the owner, the superintendent shall also either: (1) conduct a search of the national criminal records repository, including the criminal justice data communications network; or (2) conduct a search of the criminal justice data communications network records in the state or states where the manager has resided for the preceding five years. The superintendent is authorized to exchange fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for purposes of the criminal history check. The superintendent shall recover the cost of a background check through a fee charged to the owner.

Subd. 3. **Form.** The superintendent shall develop a standardized form to be used for requesting a background check, which must include:

(1) a notification to the manager that the owner will request the superintendent to perform a background check under this section;

- (2) a notification to the manager of the manager's rights under subdivision 4; and
- (3) a signed consent by the manager to conduct the background check.

If the manager has resided in Minnesota for less than five years, or if the owner is requesting a search of the national criminal records repository, the form must be accompanied by the fingerprints of the manager on whom the background check is to be performed.

Subd. 4. Manager's rights. (a) The owner shall notify the manager of the manager's rights under paragraph (b).

(b) A manager who is the subject of a background check request has the following rights:

(1) the right to be informed that the owner will request a background check on the manager to determine whether the manager has been convicted of a crime specified in section 299C.67, subdivision 2;

(2) the right to be informed by the owner of the superintendent's response to the background check and to obtain from the owner a copy of the background check report;

(3) the right to obtain from the superintendent any record that forms the basis for the report;

(4) the right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of information contained in the report or record under section 13.04, subdivision 4; and

(5) the right to be informed by the owner if the manager's application to be employed by the owner or to continue as an employee has been denied because of the result of the background check.

Subd. 5. Response of bureau. The superintendent shall respond in writing to a background check request within a reasonable time not to exceed ten working days after receiving the signed form under subdivision 3. If a search is being done of the national criminal records repository and that portion of the background check is not completed, the superintendent shall notify the owner that the background check is not complete and shall provide that portion of the background check to the owner as soon as it is available. The superintendent's response must clearly indicate whether the manager has ever been convicted of a background check crime and, if so, a description of the crime, date and jurisdiction of conviction, and date of discharge of the sentence.

Subd. 6. Equivalent background check. (a) An owner may satisfy the requirements of this section: (1) by obtaining a copy of a completed background check that was required to be performed by the department of human services as provided for under sections 144.057 and 245A.04, and then placing the copy on file with the owner; (2) in the case of a background check performed on a manager for one residential setting when multiple residential settings are operated by one owner, by placing the results in a central location; or (3) by obtaining a background check from a private business or a local law enforcement agency rather than the superintendent if the scope of the background check provided by the private business or local law enforcement agency is at least as broad as that of a background check performed by the superintendent and the response to the background check request occurs within a reasonable time not to exceed ten working days after receiving the signed form described in subdivision 3. Local law enforcement agencies may access the criminal justice data network to perform the background check.

(b) A private business or local law enforcement agency providing a background check under this section must use a notification form similar to the form described in subdivision 3, except that the notification form must indicate that the background check will be performed by the private business or local law enforcement agency using records of the superintendent and other data sources.

History: 1995 c 226 art 4 s 15; 1996 c 408 art 10 s 8-10

299C.69 OWNER DUTIES IF MANAGER CONVICTED OF BACKGROUND CHECK CRIME.

(a) If the superintendent's response indicates that the manager has been convicted of a background check crime defined in section 299C.67, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), the owner may not hire the manager or, if the manager was hired pending completion of the background

check, shall terminate the manager's employment. Except as provided in paragraph (c), if an owner otherwise knows that a manager has been convicted of a background check crime defined in section 299C.67, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), the owner shall terminate the manager's employment.

(b) If the superintendent's response indicates that the manager has been convicted of a background check crime defined in section 299C.67, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the owner may not hire the manager unless more than ten years have elapsed since the date of discharge of the sentence. If the manager was hired pending completion of the background check, the owner shall terminate the manager's employment unless more than ten years have elapsed since the date of discharge of the sentence. Except as provided in paragraph (c), if an owner otherwise knows that a manager has been convicted of a background check crime defined in section 299C.67, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the owner shall terminate the manager's employment unless more than ten years have elapsed since the date of discharge of the sentence.

(c) If an owner knows that a manager hired before July 1, 1995, was convicted of a background check crime for an offense committed before July 1, 1995, the owner may continue to employ the manager. However, the owner shall notify all tenants and prospective tenants whose dwelling units would be accessible to the manager of the crime for which the manager has been convicted and of the right of a current tenant to terminate the tenancy under this paragraph, if the manager was convicted of a background check crime defined in:

- (1) section 299C.67, subdivision 2, paragraph (a); or
- (2) section 299C.67, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), unless more than ten years have elapsed since the sentence was discharged.

Notwithstanding a lease provision to the contrary, a current tenant who receives a notice under this paragraph may terminate the tenancy within 60 days of receipt of the notice by giving the owner at least 14 days' advance notice of the termination date.

(d) The owner shall notify the manager of any action taken under this subdivision.

(e) If an owner is required to terminate a manager's employment under paragraph (a) or (b), or terminates a manager's employment in lieu of notifying tenants under paragraph (c), the owner is not liable under any law, contract, or agreement, including liability for unemployment compensation claims, for terminating the manager's employment in accordance with this section. Notwithstanding a lease or agreement governing termination of the tenancy, if the manager whose employment is terminated is also a tenant, the owner may terminate the tenancy immediately upon giving notice to the manager. An unlawful detainer action to enforce the termination of the tenancy must be treated as a priority writ under sections 566.05, 566.07, 566.09, subdivision 1, 566.16, subdivision 2, and 566.17, subdivision 1a.

History: 1995 c 226 art 4 s 16

299C.70 PENALTY.

An owner who knowingly fails to comply with the requirements of section 299C.68 or 299C.69 is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

History: 1995 c 226 art 4 s 17

299C.71 BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION IMMUNITY.

The bureau of criminal apprehension is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise arise under section 299C.68, based on the accuracy or completeness of records it receives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, if the bureau acts in good faith.

History: 1995 c 226 art 4 s 18