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### SENATE BILL 185

Revises provisions relating to background checks required to become a volunteer at a school.

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Thank you, (Mr./Madam) President. This bill clarifies existing law concerning background checks for school volunteers who will have regular or *unsupervised* contact with students, including volunteers at achievement charter schools.

A volunteer may submit his or her fingerprints to certain entities authorized to forward fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History. Background checks authorized under the bill must be reported to the school district superintendent, the governing body of the charter school, or the private school administrator. The bill also removes the current requirement that a volunteer who will have regular, *supervised* contact with students must receive a background check.

The bill further declares the State Board of Education regulation allowing certain exemptions from a background check to be void and unenforceable and instead clarifies what exemptions are allowed. Nevada's Department of Education must compile a list of acceptable entities who have performed background checks on potential school volunteers that are at least as rigorous as the background check normally conducted.

Finally, SB 185 authorizes a private school administrator to exempt volunteers from a background check under certain circumstances.