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NJDOE Provides Resources to Assist with Pre-Employment Requirements of P.L. 2018, c.5

Effective June 1, 2018, state statute (<u>*P.L.* 2018, c.5</u>) requires that all school districts, charter schools, nonpublic schools, and contracted service providers make certain inquiries regarding child abuse and sexual misconduct of prospective employees who will have regular contact with students. Consistent with the statute, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has developed employment forms and an FAQ that hiring entities may use to complete the required employment history review. If a hiring entity chooses not to use the forms provided by the NJDOE, the hiring entity is still required to comply with the terms of the statute. Please note that this employment review is separate from the criminal history review requirements.

The relevant forms and frequently asked questions developed by the Department are available on the NJDOE's <u>Pre-Employment Resources P.L. 2018, c.5 webpage</u>.

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