

House Bill 250 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Abrams of the 89th, Dollar of the 45th, Rogers of the 10th, Efstoration of the 104th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to records checks for persons supervising children, so as to provide that a satisfactory
3 fingerprint records check determination within the previous 12 months by the Department
4 of Early Care and Learning may be used in lieu of background screening or fingerprint
5 checks required for purposes of providing care to children in the custody of the Department
6 of Human Services; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 records checks for persons supervising children, is amended by adding a new Code section
12 to read as follows:

13 "49-5-115.

14 In lieu of any background screening or fingerprint check required pursuant to any state law
15 or any department regulation for an individual who provides short-term care for a child in
16 the custody of the department, the department is authorized to accept a letter issued within
17 the previous 12 months by the Department of Early Care and Learning stating that such
18 individual has received a satisfactory determination by the Department of Early Care and
19 Learning in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 1A of Title 20."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
22 without such approval.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.