

**VSBPE**

**Date: Aug. 13, 2019**

**Item: Criminal Record Checks for Temporary Licenses**

**ITEM:** Guidance on including Criminal Record Checks for educators seeking a Temporary License

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**None at the current moment.**

**BACKGROUND:** Vermont law T.16 § 254(b) the AOE to obtain a criminal record check “for any person applying for an initial license as a professional educator or for the reinstatement of license that has lapsed.....” As emergency, provisional, and apprentice licenses are considered temporary, and not professional, licenses, there is no authority under which to conduct a CRC for candidates for temporary licenses.

This is a discussion item to see if there is a desire on behalf of the VSBPE for educators working on a temporary license to submit to a criminal background check. If so, we will consider options that we could pursue.