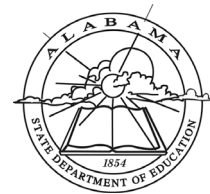




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State Superintendent of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Revised Fee For Criminal History Background Checks

Effective October 1, 2026, the federal fee associated with criminal history background checks will increase by \$3.00 per applicant. Therefore, the total cost of a criminal history background check processed through the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) will increase by the same amount. The revised fee for an ALSDE criminal history background check will be \$47.95 per applicant.

Please ensure this information is communicated to all applicants seeking certification, licensure, employment, or admission to a state-approved educator preparation program. If you have any questions or need additional clarification regarding this fee adjustment, please contact Ms. Kennita Betts by email at kbetts@alsde.edu.

EGM/KSB

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