

HOUSE BILL No. 1280

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 24-5-24.6.

Synopsis: Social Security number search requests. Defines "Social Security number search request" (search request) as a request made by a consumer to a consumer reporting agency to conduct a search of all files maintained by the consumer reporting agency to determine if the consumer's Social Security number is associated with one or more consumer credit files not associated with the consumer. Provides that after December 31, 2026, upon receiving a search request from a consumer, a consumer reporting agency shall fulfill the consumer's search request if: (1) the consumer reporting agency maintains a file on the consumer; and (2) the consumer provides proper identification and written consent for the consumer reporting agency to verify with the Social Security Administration that the consumer's Social Security number belongs to the consumer. Provides that in fulfilling a search request, a consumer reporting agency shall: (1) verify with the Social Security Administration that the Social Security number supplied by the consumer belongs to the consumer; and (2) conduct a search of all files maintained by the consumer reporting agency to determine if the consumer's Social Security number is associated with one or more files not associated with the consumer. Provides that if the search indicates that the consumer's Social Security number is associated with any files not associated with the consumer, the consumer reporting agency must provide information as to: (1) the number of such files; and (2) each person that procured a consumer report in connection with those files during the one year period immediately preceding the date of the consumer's search request. Prohibits a consumer reporting agency from charging or increasing certain fees in connection with a search request.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning trade regulation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 24-5-24.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]:
4 **Chapter 24.6. Social Security Number Search Requests**
5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a consumer reporting agency that**
6 **compiles and maintains files on consumers on a nationwide basis.**
7 **Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "consumer" means an**
8 **individual whose principal residence is in Indiana.**
9 **(b) The term includes the following:**
10 **(1) A protected consumer (as defined in IC 24-5-24.5-4).**
11 **(2) A representative acting on behalf of an individual**
12 **described in subdivision (1).**
13 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "consumer report" means any**
14 **written, oral, or other communication of any information that:**
15 **(1) is made by a consumer reporting agency;**
16 **(2) bears on a consumer's creditworthiness, credit standing,**
17 **credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal**



characteristics, or mode of living; and

(3) is used or expected to be used or collected in whole or in part for the purpose of serving as a factor in establishing a consumer's eligibility for credit to be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "consumer reporting agency" means any person that, for monetary fees or dues, or on a cooperative nonprofit basis, regularly engages in whole or in part in the practice of assembling or evaluating information concerning a consumer's credit or other information for the purpose of furnishing a consumer report to another person.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "consumer reporting agency that compiles and maintains files on consumers on a nationwide basis" has the meaning set forth in 15 U.S.C. 1681a(p).

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "file", when used in connection with information on a consumer, means all the information on that consumer that is recorded and retained by a consumer reporting agency, regardless of how the information is stored.

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "proper identification", with respect to a Social Security number search request, means all of the following for the consumer to whom the request pertains:

- (1) The consumer's Social Security number.
- (2) The consumer's first and last name.
- (3) The consumer's date of birth.

Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "Social Security number search request" refers to a request that:

- (1) is made by a consumer to a consumer reporting agency in conjunction with a request made under 15 U.S.C. 1681g for information in the consumer's file; and
- (2) requests that the consumer reporting agency conduct a search of all files maintained by the consumer reporting agency to determine if the consumer's Social Security number:

- (A) as supplied by the consumer in connection with the request; and
 - (B) as verified by the consumer reporting agency as belonging to the consumer;
- is associated with one (1) or more files not associated with the consumer.

Sec. 9. (a) After December 31, 2026, upon receiving a Social Security number search request from a consumer, a consumer reporting agency shall fulfill the consumer's Social Security



number search request if the consumer reporting agency:

(1) maintains a file on the consumer; and

(2) receives:

(A) proper identification from the consumer; and

(B) the consumer's written and signed consent for the consumer reporting agency to verify with the federal Social Security Administration that the consumer's Social Security number belongs to the consumer. A consent that is in an electronic form and that includes the consumer's electronic signature constitutes written and signed consent for purposes of this clause.

(b) In fulfilling a Social Security number search request that satisfies the conditions set forth in subsection (a), a consumer reporting agency shall do the following:

(1) Verify with the federal Social Security Administration that the Social Security number supplied by the consumer in connection with the request belongs to the consumer.

(2) Conduct a search of all files maintained by the consumer reporting agency to determine if the consumer's Social Security number is associated with one (1) or more files not associated with the consumer.

(3) Include the following as part of the information provided to the consumer in connection with the consumer's request under 15 U.S.C. 1681g:

(A) A statement as to whether the results of the consumer reporting agency's search under subdivision (2) indicate that the consumer's Social Security number is associated with one (1) or more files not associated with the consumer.

(B) If the consumer reporting agency's search indicates that the consumer's Social Security number is associated with one (1) or more files not associated with the consumer, the following information:

(i) The number of files (not including the consumer's file) associated with the consumer's Social Security number.

(ii) An identification of each person that procured a consumer report in connection with each file (not including the consumer's file) associated with the consumer's Social Security number during the one (1) year period immediately preceding the date of submission of the consumer's Social Security number search request. For each person identified, the consumer



1 reporting agency must include the person's name, full
 2 trade name under which the person does business (if
 3 applicable), address, telephone number, and information
 4 as to whether the person has reported any information
 5 to the consumer reporting agency in connection with the
 6 file associated with the consumer's Social Security
 7 number and, if so, any account or transaction numbers
 8 included with that information.

9 **Sec. 10. A consumer reporting agency may not:**

10 (1) charge a consumer an additional fee in connection with a
 11 Social Security number search request made by the
 12 consumer;

13 (2) increase any fee lawfully imposed in connection with the
 14 consumer's request under 15 U.S.C. 1681g because the
 15 consumer's request under 15 U.S.C. 1681g includes a Social
 16 Security number search request; or

17 (3) charge a consumer a fee in connection with the consumer's
 18 request under 15 U.S.C. 1681g because the consumer's
 19 request under 15 U.S.C. 1681g includes a Social Security
 20 number search request, if the consumer is entitled under 15
 21 U.S.C. 1681j to receive the disclosures under 15 U.S.C. 1681g
 22 without charge.

23 **Sec. 11. The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681**
 24 **et seq.) does not annul, alter, affect, or exempt a consumer**
 25 **reporting agency subject to this chapter from complying with this**
 26 **chapter, except to the extent that this section is inconsistent with**
 27 **any provision of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C.**
 28 **1681 et seq.), and then only to the extent of the inconsistency, as**
 29 **provided in 15 U.S.C. 1681t(a).**

