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From what I have been told is that DOE fingerprints do not check on the CPS background as the DHHS fingerprints do. So I do not understand why they do not need a CPS background check and why we have two separate ones. They should all be able to cross over as long as they are all checking on the same things, so make it simple and choose one that we can all have done and they can be used for DOE and DHHS for child care workers as well. This will help teachers during summer as well as volunteers to be able to go do both places. Any educator does not get paid enough to have to pay for two set of fingerprints! And why do we even have to pay in the first place? It's a state mandated requirement so the state should have to pay for it just like DOL makes educators pay for trainings even though its required by the state to further and continue our education. I will stay on topic though. It should be one fingerprinting requirement for all educators, no matter the age you are teaching and the state should be funding it as we are underpaid and under valued as educators!