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H. R. 318

To provide for access by State and local authorities to information of the Department of Justice for the purpose of conducting criminal background checks on port employees and prospective employees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

Mr. SHAW (for himself, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GOSS, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. ENGLISH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Drug-Free Ports Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

6 Upon the request of any State, county, port author-
7 ity, or other local jurisdiction of a State, the Attorney
8 General shall grant to such State, county, port authority,

1 or other local jurisdiction access to information collected
2 by the Attorney General pursuant to section 534 of title
3 28, United States Code, for the purpose of allowing such
4 State, county, port authority, or other local jurisdiction
5 to conduct criminal background checks on employees, or
6 applicants for employment, at any port under the jurisdic-
7 tion of such State, county, port authority, or other local
8 jurisdiction.

9 **SEC. 3. PROCESSING FEE.**

10 The Attorney General may assess a processing fee of
11 not more than 50 dollars from a State, county, port au-
12 thority, or other local jurisdiction for making available the
13 information described in section 2 with respect to each em-
14 ployee or applicant for employment.

15 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

16 As used in this Act, the term “port” means any place
17 at which vessels may resort to load or unload cargo.

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