

# Implementation of Fingerprint-Based State and National Criminal Records Check (SAFIS)

On January 10, 2013, Governor Patrick signed into law Massachusetts General Law chapter 71, section 38R, An Act Relative to Background Checks. The law requires all public school employees in Massachusetts to submit to fingerprint-based state and national criminal background checks.

The Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo registration website is now available for all school districts to begin scheduling fingerprinting appointments.

**<https://ma.ibtfingerprint.com/>**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How much does it cost?

\$55.00 for school employees that hold a DESE license and \$35.00 for all others (i.e. secretarial, cafeteria staff, bus drivers, substitutes...) the fee will be paid by the individual employee or educator.

### How is this different from CORI?

Fingerprinting is a one-time event (if the employee changes jobs, the new employer may request a “suitability determination” from a previous employer or require another fingerprint check) CORI is every 3 years. Fingerprinting reports all arrests nationwide, CORI only reports Massachusetts arrests.

### May I go to the local police station to submit my fingerprints for the state and national checks?

No, the state requires you to use the selected vendor.

### How do I schedule an appointment?

To schedule a fingerprint appointment: **<https://ma.ibtfingerprint.com/>**

Our provider number is **01380000** and is needed to register for an appointment.

**For more information, please visit the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security’s website.**