data sources, major consumer reporting agencies, and social media; and to perform the review. S. 1618 has six cosponsors and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S. 1744, introduced by Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT), would require that the OPM terminate any employee involved in "misconduct affecting the integrity" of the background checks the OPM conducts for security clearances. According to the bill, such misconduct would include falsification of a background investigation report,

fraud relating to such a report, or other serious misconduct that would compromise the integrity of a report. The bill would also require that President Obama review the guidelines for security clearances to determine which positions require clearances. These guidelines would be reevaluated every five years. S. 1744 has six cosponsors and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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STATE LEGISLATION

Massachusetts

Bullying. A bill (H.B. 1766) introduced in the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts would prohibit bullying in the workplace. Under the bill, it would be illegal for employers to retaliate against an employee who complained of bullying. An employer could be held liable for bullying unless it could prove that it exercised reasonable care to prevent and correct bullying and that the employee failed to take advantage of protections offered by the employer. Individual employees could also be liable for bullying conduct under the bill.

ISSUE: Real ID
BILL/CASE: (formerly H.B. 69)

VENUE: Alaska STATUS: Enacted

SIGNIFICANCE: Prevents state and local agencies from funding federal measures that infringe on individual rights, such as those involving gun control or the Real ID Act.



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