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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 10 of 2024

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AN ACT to amend the Judicial and Legal Service Act, Chap. 6:01, the Prison Service Act, Chap. 13:02, the Defence Act, Chap. 14:01, the Police Service Act, Chap. 15:01, the Civil Service Act, Chap. 23:01, the Fire Service Act, Chap. 35:50 and the Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act, Chap. 72:01 to provide a regulatory framework for polygraph and drug testing and biometric identification for members of the Protective Services and certain offices in the Judicial and Legal Service and the Civil Service and for other related matters

[Assented to 19th July, 2024]

Preamble

WHEREAS it is enacted by section 13(1) of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that section applies may expressly declare that it shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution and, if any Act does so declare, it shall have effect accordingly:

And whereas it is provided in section 13(2) of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that section applies is one the Bill for which has been passed by both Houses of Parliament and at the final vote thereon in each House has been supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all the members of that House:

And whereas it is necessary and expedient that the provisions of this Act shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution:

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Miscellaneous Provisions (Testing and Identification) Act, 2024*.

(2) This Act comes into operation on such date as is fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Act inconsistent with the Constitution

2. This Act shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution.

Chap. 6:01 amended

3. The *Judicial and Legal Service Act* is amended—

(a) by inserting after section 11 the following new section:

^{“Testing and identification}

11A. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Head of Department may order a law officer to submit to the following:

(a) polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests;

(b) drug tests; and

(c) the collection of biometric information.

(2) In exercise of the powers granted under subsection (1), the Head of Department may order a law officer to submit to any or all of the tests or collection of information in subsection (1) where,

- (a) the law officer performs any intelligence or counter-intelligence functions;
- (b) the law officer is assigned to a section, unit, department or division where top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information is accessed, processed or stored;
- (c) the law officer is part of or involved in an ongoing investigation involving economic loss such as theft, embezzlement, misappropriation, serious or complex fraud or an act of sabotage or espionage or money laundering;
- (d) the law officer has or had access to property, information or files that is the subject of an investigation;

- (e) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the law officer was involved in a serious incident under investigation;
- (f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the law officer is suspected of or involved in misconduct in relation to an on-going investigation by law enforcement into the commission of a serious criminal offence;
- (g) the duties performed by the law officer in relation to his office, post or activities involves having access to or dealing with top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information; or
- (h) the law officer is in proximity to a person charged or convicted of a serious criminal offence under any of the following Acts:
 - (i) the Dangerous Drugs Act;
 - (ii) the Proceeds of Crime Act;
 - (iii) the Anti-Terrorism Act;
 - (iv) the Trafficking in Persons Act; or

Chap: 11:25

Chap: 11:27

Chap. 12:07

Chap. 12:10

(v) the Anti-Gang Act, 2021.

Act No. 4 of 2021

(3) For the purpose of this section—

(a) subsection (2) applies to a law officer only while he is on duty;

(b) “confidential or sensitive information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(c) “Department” means the Customs and Excise Division, the Immigration Division, the Board of Inland Revenue and the Registrar General’s Department;

(d) “Head of Department” means—

(i) in relation to a law officer of the Customs and Excise Division, the Comptroller of Customs and Excise;

(ii) in relation to a law officer of the Immigration Division, the Chief Immigration Officer;

- (iii) in relation to a law officer of the Board of Inland Revenue, the Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue; and
 - (iv) in relation to a law officer of the Registrar General's Department, the Registrar General;
- (e) "law officer" means—
- (i) a legal officer of a Department;
 - (ii) an Attorney-at law employed by the State on contract in a Department;
- (f) "secret information" means information which reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;
- (g) "serious criminal offence" means an offence punishable with a term of imprisonment of five or more years;
- (h) "serious incident" means an accident resulting in the death

of or injury to a person, damage to or destruction of property or environmental harm or any risk of such death, injury, damage, destruction or harm;

- (i) “top secret information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization.”; and

(b) in section 16—

- (i) by renumbering section 16 as section 16(1);
- (ii) by inserting after the renumbered section 16(1)(i) the following new paragraphs:

“(j) the conduct of polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests and drug tests on, and the collection of biometric information of, persons holding, or applying for, the law offices in the following Departments:

- (i) Customs and Excise Division;
- (ii) Immigration Division;

- (iii) Board of Inland Revenue; and
 - (iv) Registrar General's Department;
 - (k) the storage, maintenance, disclosure and destruction of the results of the tests and the collection of the information in paragraph (j).”;
- (iii) by inserting after the renumbered subsection (1) the following new subsection:
- “(2) Regulations made under subsection (1)(j) and (k) shall be subject to the affirmative resolution of Parliament.”; and
- (c) by inserting after section 16 the following new section:
- “Confidentiality and exemption 16A. (1) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 11A and 16(1)(j) and (k) are confidential and shall not be disclosed.
- (2) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 11A and 16(1)(j) and (k) are exempt from the application of the Freedom of Information Act.”.

4. The Prison Service Act is amended—

Chap. 13:02
amended

(a) by inserting after section 29, the following new section:

^{“Testing and identification} 29A. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Commissioner of Prisons may order an officer to submit to the following:

- (a) polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests;
- (b) drug tests; and
- (c) the collection of biometric information.

(2) In exercise of the powers granted under subsection (1), the Commissioner of Prisons may order an officer to submit to any or all of the tests or collection referred to in subsection (1) where,

- (a) the officer performs any intelligence or counter-intelligence functions;
- (b) the officer is assigned to a section, unit, department or division where top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information is accessed, processed or stored;
- (c) the officer is part of or involved in an ongoing investigation involving economic loss such as theft, embezzlement, misappropriation,

serious or complex fraud or an act of sabotage or espionage or money laundering;

- (d) the officer has or had access to property, information or files that is the subject of an investigation;
- (e) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer was involved in a serious incident under investigation;
- (f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer is suspected of or involved in misconduct in relation to an ongoing investigation by law enforcement into the commission of a serious criminal offence;
- (g) the duties performed by the officer in relation to his office, post or activities involves having access to or dealing with top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information;
- (h) a person is killed or injured as a result of the discharge of a firearm by the officer or

the use of physical force by the officer or while in lawful detention or custody; or

(i) the officer is in proximity to a person charged or convicted of a serious criminal offence under any of the following Acts:

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(i) the Dangerous Drugs Act;

Chap. 11:27

(ii) the Proceeds of Crime Act;

Chap. 12:07

(iii) the Anti-Terrorism Act;

Chap. 12:10

(iv) the Trafficking in Persons Act; or

Act No. 4 of 2021

(v) the Anti-Gang Act, 2021.

(3) For the purpose of this section—

(a) subsection (2) applies to an officer whether or not he is on duty;

(b) “confidential or sensitive information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(c) “officer” includes—

(i) an expert or consultant on contract or an

employee of
such expert or
consultant on
that particular
job with the
Prison Service;

(ii) a person employed
on contract in
the Prison Service;

(d) “secret information”
means information
which reasonably could
be expected to cause
serious damage to
national security if
disclosed without prior
written authorization;

(e) “serious criminal
offence” means an
offence punishable
with a term of
imprisonment of five or
more years;

(f) “serious incident”
means an accident
resulting in the death
of or injury to a
person, damage to or
destruction of property
or environmental harm
or any risk of such
death, injury, damage,
destruction or harm;

(g) “top secret informa-
tion” means informa-
tion which reasonably
could be expected to
cause exceptionally
grave damage to

national security if disclosed without prior written authorization.”;

(b) in section 30—

(i) by inserting after subsection (1)(k), the following new paragraphs:

“(l) the conduct of polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests and drug tests on, and the collection of biometric information of, a—

(i) person applying to enlist in the Prison Service;

(ii) prison officer; and

(m) the storage, maintenance, disclosure and destruction of the results of the tests and the collection of the information in paragraph (l).”;

(ii) by inserting after subsection (2) the following new subsection:

“(3) Regulations made under subsection (1)(l) and (m) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament.”;

(c) by inserting after section 30 the following new section:

“Confidentiality and exemption

30A. (1) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 29A and 30(1)(l) and (m) are confidential and shall not be disclosed.

(2) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 29A and 30(1)(l) and (m) are exempt from the application of the Freedom of Information Act.”

Chap. 22:02

Chap. 14:01
amended

5. The Defence Act is amended by inserting—

(a) after section 243 the following new section:

“Testing and
identification

243A. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Chief of Defence Staff may order an officer or other rank to submit to the following:

- (a) polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests;
- (b) drug tests; and
- (c) the collection of biometric information.

(2) In the exercise of the powers granted under subsection (1), the Chief of Defence Staff may order an officer or other rank to submit to any or all of the tests or collection referred to in subsection (1) where,

- (a) the officer or other rank performs any intelligence or counter-intelligence functions;
- (b) the officer or other rank is assigned to a section, unit, department or division where top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information is accessed, processed or stored;

- (c) the officer or other rank is part of or involved in an ongoing investigation involving economic loss such as theft, embezzlement, misappropriation, serious or complex fraud or an act of sabotage or espionage or money laundering;
- (d) the officer or other rank has or had access to property, information or files that is the subject of an investigation;
- (e) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer or other rank was involved in a serious incident under investigation;
- (f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer or other rank is suspected of or involved in misconduct in relation to an ongoing investigation by law enforcement into the commission of a serious criminal offence;
- (g) the duties performed by the officer or other rank in relation to his office, post or activities involves having access to or dealing with top secret,

secret, confidential or sensitive information;

(h) a person is killed or injured as a result of the discharge of a firearm by the officer or other rank or the use of physical force by the officer or other rank or while in lawful detention or custody; or

(i) the officer or other rank is in proximity to a person charged or convicted of a serious criminal offence under any of the following Acts:

(i) the Dangerous Drugs Act;

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(ii) the Proceeds of Crime Act;

Chap. 11:27

(iii) the Anti-Terrorism Act;

Chap. 12:07

(iv) the Trafficking in Persons Act; or

Chap. 12:10

(v) the Anti-Gang Act, 2021.

Act No. 4 of 2021

(3) For the purpose of this section—

(a) subsection (2) applies to an officer or other rank whether or not he is on duty;

(b) “confidential or sensitive information” means information which

reasonably could be expected to cause damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(c) “officer” includes—

(i) an expert or consultant on contract or an employee of such expert or consultant on that particular job with the Defence Force;

(ii) a person employed on contract in the Defence Force;

(d) “secret information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(e) “serious criminal offence” means an offence punishable with a term of imprisonment of five or more years;

(f) “serious incident” means an accident resulting in the death of or injury to a person, damage to or destruction of property

or environmental harm
or any risk of such
death, injury, damage,
destruction or harm;

(g) “top secret information”
means information
which reasonably could
be expected to cause
exceptionally grave
damage to national
security if disclosed
without prior written
authorization.”;

(b) after section 244(1)(k) the following new paragraphs:

“(l) the conduct of polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests and drug tests on, and the collection of biometric information of, a—

(i) person offering to enlist in the Force;

(ii) member of the Force;
and

(m) the storage, maintenance, disclosure and destruction of the results of the tests and the collection of the information in paragraph (l).”;

(c) after section 244(2) the following new subsection:

“(2A) Regulations made under subsection (1)(l) and (m) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament.”; and

(d) after section 246 the following new section:

“Confidentiality
and
exemption

247. (1) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 243A and 244(1)(l) and (m) are confidential and shall not be disclosed.

(2) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 243A and 244(1)(*l*) and (*m*) are exempt from the application of the Freedom of Information Act.”.

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6. The Police Service Act is amended by inserting—

Chap. 15:01
amended

(*a*) after section 77 the following new section:

“Testing and
identification

77A. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Commissioner of Police may order an officer to submit to the following:

- (*a*) polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests;
- (*b*) drug tests; and
- (*c*) the collection of biometric information.

(2) In exercise of the powers granted under subsection (1), the Commissioner of Police may order an officer to submit to any or all of the tests or collection referred to in subsection (1) where,

- (*a*) the officer performs any intelligence or counter-intelligence functions;
- (*b*) the officer is assigned to a section, unit, department or division where top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information is accessed, processed or stored;

- (c) the officer is part of or involved in an ongoing investigation involving economic loss such as theft, embezzlement, misappropriation, serious or complex fraud or an act of sabotage or espionage or money laundering;
- (d) the officer has or had access to property, information or files that is the subject of an investigation;
- (e) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer was involved in a serious incident under investigation;
- (f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer is suspected of or involved in misconduct in relation to an ongoing investigation by law enforcement into the commission of a serious criminal offence;
- (g) the duties performed by the officer in relation to his office, post or activities involves having access to or dealing with top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information;

- (h) a person is killed or injured as a result of the discharge of a firearm by the officer or the use of physical force by the officer or while in lawful detention or custody; or
- (i) the officer is in proximity to a person charged or convicted of a serious criminal offence under any of the following Acts:
- Chap. 11:25 (i) the Dangerous Drugs Act;
 - Chap. 11:27 (ii) the Proceeds of Crime Act;
 - Chap. 12:07 (iii) the Anti-Terrorism Act;
 - Chap. 12:10 (iv) the Trafficking in Persons Act; or
 - Act No. 4 of 2021 (v) the Anti-Gang Act, 2021.
- (3) For the purpose of this section—
- (a) subsection (2) applies to an officer whether or not he is on duty;
 - (b) “confidential or sensitive information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause damage to national

security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(c) “officer” includes—

(i) a member of the Special Reserve Police established under the Special Reserve Police Act;

Chap. 15:03

(ii) a member of a Municipal Police Service within the meaning of Part III of the Municipal Corporations Act;

Chap. 25:04

(iii) an expert or consultant on contract or an employee of such expert or consultant on that particular job with the Police Service;

(iv) a person employed on contract in the Police Service;

(d) “secret information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause

serious damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(e) “serious criminal offence” means an offence punishable with a term of imprisonment of five or more years;

(f) “serious incident” means an accident resulting in the death of or injury to a person, damage to or destruction of property or environmental harm or any risk of such death, injury, damage, destruction or harm;

(g) “top secret information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization.”;

(b) after section 78(1)(o) the following new paragraphs:

“(p) the conduct of polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests and drug tests on, and the collection of

biometric information of, a—

(i) candidate for appointment as a trainee in the Police Service;

(ii) police officer; and

(q) the storage, maintenance, disclosure and destruction of the results of the tests and the collection of the informative in paragraph (p).”;

(c) after section 78(2) the following new subsection:

“(3) Regulations made under subsection (1)(p) and (q) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament.”; and

(d) after section 78 the following new section:

“Confidentiality and exemption 78A. (1) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 77A and 78(1)(p) and (q) are confidential and shall not be disclosed.

(2) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 77A and 78(1)(p) and (q) are exempt from the application of the Freedom of Information Act.”.

Chap. 22:02

Chap. 23:01
amended

7. The Civil Service Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after section 11 the following new section:

“Testing and identification 11A. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Head of Department may

order an officer of the—

- (a) Customs and Excise Division;
- (b) Immigration Division;
- (c) Board of Inland Revenue;
- (d) Registrar General's Department; or
- (e) Transport Division,

to submit to the following:

- (i) polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests;
- (ii) drug tests; and
- (iii) the collection of biometric information.

(2) In exercise of the powers granted under subsection (1), the Head of Department may order an officer to submit to any or all of the tests or collection referred to in subsection (1) where,

- (a) the officer performs any intelligence or counter-intelligence functions;
- (b) the officer is assigned to a section, unit, department or division where top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information is accessed, processed or stored;
- (c) the officer is part of or

involved in an ongoing investigation involving economic loss such as theft, embezzlement, misappropriation, serious or complex fraud or an act of sabotage or espionage or money laundering;

- (d) the officer has or had access to property, information or files that is the subject of an investigation;
- (e) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer was involved in a serious incident under investigation;
- (f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer is suspected of or involved in misconduct in relation to an ongoing investigation by law enforcement into the commission of a serious criminal offence;
- (g) the duties performed by the officer in relation to his office, post or activities involves having access to or dealing with top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information;

- (h) a person is killed or injured as a result of the discharge of a firearm by the officer or the use of physical force by the officer or while in lawful detention or custody; or
- (i) the officer is in proximity to a person charged or convicted of a serious criminal offence under any of the following Acts:
- (i) the Dangerous Drugs Act;
Chap: 11:25
 - (ii) the Proceeds of Crime Act;
Chap: 11:27
 - (iii) the Anti-Terrorism Act;
Chap. 12:07
 - (iv) the Trafficking in Persons Act;
Chap. 12:10
or
 - (v) the Anti-Gang Act, 2021.
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- (3) This section shall apply to—
- (a) an officer of a Department who is the holder of an office specified in the Schedule to the Civil Service Regulations; and
 - (b) an officer employed on contract in a Department.

(4) For the purpose of this section—

(a) subsection (2) applies to an officer only while he is on duty;

(b) “confidential or sensitive information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(c) “Department” means the Customs and Excise Division, the Immigration Division, the Board of Inland Revenue, the Registrar General’s Department, and the Transport Division;

(d) “Head of Department” means—

(i) in relation to an officer of the Customs and Excise Division, the Comptroller of Customs and Excise;

(ii) in relation to an officer of the Immigration Division, the Chief Immigration Officer;

(iii) in relation to an officer of the

- Board of Inland Revenue, the Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue;
- (iv) in relation to an officer of the Registrar General's Department, the Registrar General;
- (v) in relation to an officer of the Transport Division, the Transport Commissioner;
- (e) "officer includes"—
- (i) an expert or consultant on contract or an employee of such expert or consultant on that particular job with the Department;
- (ii) a person employed on contract in the Department;
- (f) "secret information" means information which reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;
- (g) "serious criminal offence" means an offence punishable with a term of imprisonment of five or more years;

(h) “serious incident” means an accident resulting in the death of or injury to a person, damage to or destruction of property or environmental harm or any risk of such death, injury, damage, destruction or harm;

(i) “top secret information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization.”;

(b) in section 28—

(i) by renumbering section 28 as section 28(1);

(ii) by inserting after the renumbered section 28(1)(k) the following new paragraphs:

“(l) the conduct of polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests and drug tests on, and the collection of biometric information of, persons holding, or applying for, the following offices:

(i) an officer of the Customs and

- Excise Division or a candidate for appointment as an officer of the Customs and Excise Division;
- (ii) an officer of the Immigration Division or a candidate for appointment as an officer of the Immigration Division;
- (iii) an officer of the Board of Inland Revenue or a candidate for appointment as an officer of the Board of Inland Revenue;
- (iv) an officer of the Registrar General's Department or a candidate for appointment as an officer of the Registrar General's Department;
- (v) an officer of the Transport Division or a candidate for appointment as an officer of the Transport Division;
- and

(*m*) the storage, maintenance, disclosure and destruction of the results of the tests and the collection of the information in paragraph (*l*).”;

(iii) by inserting after section 28(1) the following new subsection:

“(2) Regulations made under section 28(1)(*l*) and (*m*) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament.”; and

(*c*) by inserting after section 28 the following new section:

“Confidentiality
and
exemption

28A. (1) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 11A and 28(1)(*l*) and (*m*) are confidential and shall not be disclosed.

(2) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 11A and 28(1)(*l*) and (*m*) are exempt from the application of the Freedom of Information Act.”.

Chap. 22:02

Chap. 35:50
amended

8. The Fire Service Act is amended by—

(*a*) inserting after section 15 the following new section:

“Testing and
identification

15A. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Chief Fire Officer may order an officer to submit to the following:

(*a*) polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests;

(*b*) drug tests; and

(c) the collection of biometric information.

(2) In exercise of the powers granted under subsection (1), the Chief Fire Officer may order an officer to submit to any or all of the tests or collection referred to in subsection (1) where—

- (a) the officer performs any intelligence or counter-intelligence functions;
- (b) the officer is assigned to a section, unit, department or division where top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information is accessed, processed or stored;
- (c) the officer is part of or involved in an ongoing investigation involving economic loss such as theft, embezzlement, misappropriation, serious or complex fraud or an act of sabotage or espionage or money laundering;
- (d) the officer has or had access to property, information or files that is the subject of an investigation;
- (e) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer was involved

in a serious incident under investigation;

- (f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer is suspected of or involved in misconduct in relation to an ongoing investigation by law enforcement into the commission of a serious criminal offence;
- (g) the duties performed by the officer in relation to his office, post or activities involves having access to or dealing with top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information; or
- (h) a person is killed or injured as a result of the discharge of a firearm by the officer or the use of physical force by the officer or while in lawful detention or custody.

(3) For the purpose of this section—

- (a) subsection (2) applies to an officer whether or not he is on duty;
- (b) “confidential or sensitive information” means information which

reasonably could be expected to cause damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(c) “officer” includes—

(i) an expert or consultant on contract or an employee of such expert or consultant on that particular job with the Fire Service;

(ii) a person employed on contract in the Fire Service;

(d) “secret information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(e) “serious criminal offence” means an offence punishable with a term of imprisonment of five or more years;

(f) “serious incident” means an accident resulting in the death of or serious injury to a

person, damage to or destruction of property or environmental harm or any risk of such death, injury, damage, destruction or harm;

(g) “top secret information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization.”;

(b) inserting after section 34(1)(n) the following new paragraphs:

“(o) the conduct of polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests and drug tests on, and the collection of biometric information of,—

(i) a person applying for appointment to an office in the Fire Service;

(ii) a fire officer; and

(p) the storage, maintenance, disclosure and destruction of the results of the tests and the collection of the information in paragraph (o).”;

(c) inserting after section 34(1) the following new subsection:

“(1A) Regulations made under subsection (1)(o) and (p) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament.”; and

(d) inserting after section 34 the following new section:

“Confidentiality
and
exemption

34A. (1) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 15A and 34(1)(o) and (p) are confidential and shall not be disclosed.

(2) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 15A and 34(1)(o) and (p) are exempt from the application of the Freedom of Information Act.”.

Chap. 22:02

9. The Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago Act is amended by—

Chap. 72:01
amended

(a) inserting after section 7 the following new section:

“Testing and
identification

7A. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Director of the FIU may order an officer to submit to the following:

- (a) polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests;
- (b) drug tests; and
- (c) the collection of biometric information.

(2) In exercise of the powers granted under subsection (1), the Director of the FIU may order an officer to submit to any or all of the tests or collection referred to in subsection (1) where,

- (a) the officer performs any intelligence or counter-intelligence functions;
- (b) the officer is assigned

to a section, unit, department or division where top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information is accessed, processed or stored;

- (c) the officer is part of or involved in an ongoing investigation involving economic loss such as theft, embezzlement, misappropriation, serious or complex fraud or an act of sabotage or espionage or money laundering;
- (d) the officer has or had access to property, information or files that is the subject of an investigation;
- (e) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer was involved in a serious incident under investigation;
- (f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the officer is suspected of or involved in misconduct in relation to an ongoing investigation by law enforcement into the commission of a serious criminal offence; or
- (g) the duties performed by the officer in relation to his office, post

or activities involves having access to or dealing with top secret, secret, confidential or sensitive information.

(3) For the purpose of this section—

(a) subsection (2) applies to an officer only while he is on duty;

(b) “confidential or sensitive information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization;

(c) “officer” includes—

(i) an expert or consultant on contract or an employee of such expert or consultant on that particular job with the Financial Intelligence Unit;

(ii) a person employed on contract in the Financial Intelligence Unit;

(d) “secret information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause serious damage to national security if

disclosed without prior written authorization;

(e) “serious criminal offence” means an offence punishable with a term of imprisonment of five or more years;

(f) “serious incident” means an accident resulting in the death of or serious injury to a person, damage to or destruction of property or environmental harm or any risk of such death, injury, damage, destruction or harm;

(g) “top secret information” means information which reasonably could be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to national security if disclosed without prior written authorization.”;

(b) inserting after section 27(2) the following new subsection:

“(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the Minister may make Regulations, subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament, for the following:

(a) the conduct of polygraph or any other lie-detecting tests and drug tests on, and the collection of biometric information of,—

(i) a person applying for appointment to an office in the Financial Intelligence Unit;

- (ii) an officer of the Financial Intelligence Unit; and
- (b) the storage, maintenance, disclosure and destruction of the results of the tests and the collection of the information in paragraph (a).”; and
- (c) inserting after section 31 the following new section:

“Confidentiality
and
exemption

32. (1) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 7A and 27(3) are confidential and shall not be disclosed.

(2) The results of the tests conducted and the information collected pursuant to sections 7A and 27(3) are exempt from the application of the Freedom of Information Act.”.

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10. The Bill is amended by deleting the words “reasonable suspicion” wherever they occur in—

“Clauses 3 to
9 amended

- (a) clause 3 in the proposed section 11A(2), in paragraphs (e) and (f);
- (b) clause 4 in the proposed section 29A(2), in paragraphs (e) and (f);
- (c) clause 5 in the proposed section 243A(2), in paragraphs (e) and (f);
- (d) clause 6 in the proposed section 77A(2) in paragraphs (e) and (f);
- (e) clause 7 in the proposed section 11A(2) in paragraphs (e) and (f);
- (f) clause 8 in the proposed section 15A(2) in paragraphs (e) and (f); and
- (g) clause 9 in the proposed section 7A(2) in paragraphs (e) and (f),

and substituting the words “reasonable grounds to believe”.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 21st day of June, 2024.



Clerk of the House

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this Act is one the Bill for which has been passed by the House of Representatives and at the final vote thereon in the House has been supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all members of the House, that is to say, by the votes of 36 members of the House.



Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 2nd day of July, 2024.



Clerk of the Senate (Acting)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this Act is one the Bill for which has been passed by the Senate and at the final vote thereon in the Senate has been supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all the members of the Senate, that is to say, by the votes of 30 Senators.



Clerk of the Senate (Acting)