



**Office of Educator Certification
South Carolina Department of Education**

New Fingerprinting Procedures for Educator Certification

Effective: September 1, 2009

What: **Integrated Biometric Technology (IBT)** has been awarded a state contract to provide **electronic fingerprinting** services for teaching applicants in South Carolina. This procedure, called **live scan**, requires the applicant to visit a designated site where fingerprints are scanned and submitted electronically. **Live scan will replace all exiting fingerprinting procedures at the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Certification.**

Objectives: To create an **efficient** and **effective** method of delivering fingerprints to the FBI in order to confirm employment eligibility for educators. **Processing time** for background checks will be reduced to approximately **one week**.

How: **In-state applicants** register online with IBT at www.ibtfingerprint.com or by telephone by calling 866-254-2366 to schedule an appointment.

Sites: IBT has established live scan fingerprint locations in **Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville, and Rock Hill.**

Cost: \$54.25