

Jones re-introduces the Helping Volunteers Give Back Act

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones recently re-introduced her private member's bill, the Helping Volunteers Give Back Act. The bill was introduced in the previous parliamentary session, but died on the Order Paper when then Premier Dalton McGuinty prorogued the legislature.

The Helping Volunteers Give Back Act would allow volunteers to use an annual criminal record check when applying to volunteer at multiple agencies.

“Often people who volunteer with one organization are also willing to help out with other causes too,” Jones said. “I think we ought to be making it easier for them to do so.”

Jones highlighted the Act during her response to the Minister's statement on the province's Volunteer Service Awards.

“The Volunteer Service Awards recognize our volunteers for their hard work, and we as legislators should also be working hard to make it easier for volunteers to do what they love,” Jones said.

“Volunteers often form the bedrock of our communities,” Jones said. “I am proud to acknowledge their hard work, and do my part to help them give back.”