

HB 1012 -- Background Checks for Long-Term Care Residents

Sponsor: Corcoran

This bill requires long-term care facilities to request a criminal history background check on an individual 18 years of age or older who is seeking full-time admission into the facility within 24 hours of admittance and on all current residents by January 1, 2010, at the resident's expense, for the purpose of identifying sexual offenders. The Department of Health and Senior Services must keep continual record of residents who are sexual offenders and report the number annually to the General Assembly. A criminal history analysis must be conducted by the department within 14 days of receiving a report from the facility to detail whether and to what extent a resident's criminal history requires security measures to be implemented in the facility. Every facility must provide its residents with written notice of their right to inquire whether any resident in the facility is a sexual offender.