

SS HCS HB 694 -- RAP BACK

This bill allows qualified entities, under certain circumstances, to receive updated information related to an individual's criminal history as part of the Missouri Rap Back Program as well as the National Rap Back Program. The Missouri program includes automatic notifications made by the State Highway Patrol about whether an individual, specifically an applicant who is employed, licensed, or otherwise under the purview of the entity, has been arrested for a reported criminal offense in the state.

The bill specifies what qualified entities are required to do before having access to the national and state programs, and it specifies the limited circumstances in which individuals' criminal history information may be used. An applicant must give consent to the qualified entity before that entity may access the applicant's fingerprints and criminal history information.

Missouri circuit courts and the Department of Social Services may require fingerprinting for applicants applying to adopt or to serve as guardian, conservator, or as another type of personal representative and the fingerprint-based record check will be forwarded to the State Highway Patrol to be used to search the criminal history repository. The fingerprints will be sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a national background check.

Finally, this bill extends the surcharge assessed against all criminal cases, filed in a circuit court, in which the defendant is found guilty of a felony from August 2019 until August 2029. The money from this surcharge goes into the DNA Profiling Analysis Fund.

This bill contains an emergency clause.