

HB 1483 -- ADULT STUDENT BACKGROUND CHECK (Rehder)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

This bill requires criminal background checks to be conducted on any person who is 18 years of age or older, who is not counted by the district for purposes of average daily attendance, and who requests enrollment in a course that takes place on school property during regular school hours.

A person shall be prohibited from enrolling in such a course if he or she has plead guilty to, or been convicted of, any crime or offense which would currently prevent the issuance of a teaching certificate. The background check shall be conducted before the person enrolls in the course.

Substitute teachers are added to the list of individuals for which school districts must have a criminal background check conducted.

The bill requires school districts that are not enrolled in the Missouri Rap Back program to facilitate an annual check of employed persons holding current active certificates against criminal history records, sexual offender registry, and child abuse central registry.

Beginning January 1, 2021, the bill allows substitute teachers to disseminate fingerprint information to up to five school districts with one application as outlined in the bill.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 836 (2019) and includes HB 2479 (2020).