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Currently, an entity participating in the Missouri Rap Back Program may request a person's updated criminal history record if the person has previously had a Missouri and national criminal record review within the previous six years. This bill repeals the six year requirement.

School districts shall ensure that a state criminal history background check consisting of open records is conducted on any person who is 18 years old or older who is not counted in the school district's average daily attendance when such person requests enrollment in a course that will take place on school property at a time when K-12 students are present. Such background check shall be processed through the State Highway Patrol, and the person seeking admission shall pay the fees for such background check as provided in current law. A person found to have been convicted of a crime or offense for which a certificate of license to teach would be revoked or not issued shall be prohibited from enrolling in the course.

The Department of Health and Senior Services shall require all employees, contractors performing work for a marijuana facility for more than 14 days a year, owners, and volunteers of marijuana facilities submit fingerprints to the Highway Patrol for a state and federal criminal background check. The Highway Patrol shall notify the Department of any criminal history record information or lack thereof discovered on the individual. All such records shall be accessible and available to the Department.

Finally, this bill modifies provisions of current law relating to background checks of individuals in connection with licensed residential care facilities and licensed child placing agencies. Current law requires officers, managers, and support staff, in addition to contractors, volunteers with access to children, and employees, to undergo background checks. This bill removes the background check requirement for officers, managers, and support staff. This bill requires the background check to include a state background check.