

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 11, 2025
Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2342 (As Introduced)

House Bill 2342 authorizes national criminal history record checks for final applicants for certain sensitive positions with the department of commerce and employees in such positions.

New section 1 creates a new section of law providing that the secretary of commerce may request the Kansas bureau of investigation to conduct a state and national criminal history check on any final applicant for or employee in a sensitive position with the department. A final applicant offered employment with the department in a sensitive position or an employee in a sensitive position, a person shall have no misdemeanor conviction for any crime involving theft, fraud, forgery or other financial crime or any felony conviction. The section also provides definitions for "final applicant" and "sensitive position".

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 22-4714, the statute that provides which records each agency is allowed to receive when conducting a criminal history record check. These criminal history record checks would be added to subsection (b)(5), which means the secretary would be authorized to receive criminal history record information related to adult convictions, adult non-convictions, adult diversions and juvenile adjudications.