

KANSAS OFFICE *of*  
**REVISOR *of* STATUTES**

LEGISLATURE *of* THE STATE *of* KANSAS  
*Legislative Attorneys transforming ideas into legislation.*

---

300 SW TENTH AVENUE ■ SUITE 24-E ■ TOPEKA, KS 66612 ■ (785) 296-2321

---

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 20, 2026

Subject: Bill Brief on SB 248

Senate Bill 248 requires criminal history record check information relating to hemp producers to be sent to the state fire marshal, updates the fingerprinting language for the state banking commissioner for money transmitters and earned wage access services providers and authorizes the state gaming agency and attorney general to have access to more criminal history record information.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 2-3906, the statute with requirements related to hemp producers. Current law provides that the department of agriculture requires people seeking a license to be a hemp producer to submit to a criminal history record check, this bill would update that to the state fire marshal. It would also allow the state fire marshal to collect a fee in an amount necessary to reimburse the agency for the costs associated with processing the fingerprints.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 9-555, the definition section in the money transmission act, to define "applicant in control of a licensee" for the purpose of processing their fingerprints for criminal history record checks.

Section 3 amends K.S.A. 9-565, the licensing statute in the money transmission act, to provide that applicants in control of a licensee, licensees and key individuals are required to be fingerprinted and submit to a criminal history record check. It also removes language that is duplicated in K.S.A. 22-4714.

Section 4 amends K.S.A. 9-2411 to remove language related to fingerprinting of officers, partners, members, owners, principals or directors of applicants or registrants that is now duplicated in K.S.A. 22-4714.

Section 5 amends K.S.A. 22-4714, the general fingerprinting statute, to include the fingerprinting information related to the state banking commissioner and state fire marshal from sections 1 through 4. It also gives the attorney general and state gaming agency access to more records for certain applicants. Under current law the attorney general receives information on adult convictions, adult non-convictions, adult diversions and adult expunged records for criminal history record checks related to applicants for licensure as a private detective or persons qualified to train private detectives in handling firearms. Additionally, the attorney general receives information on adult convictions, adult non-convictions, adult diversions, adult expunged records, juvenile adjudications, juvenile non-adjudications and juvenile diversions for criminal history record checks related to applicants for a license to carry a concealed handgun. As amended, the attorney general would receive information related to adult convictions, adult non-convictions, adult diversions, adult expunged records, juvenile adjudications, juvenile non-adjudications, juvenile diversions and juvenile expunged records for all three categories of licenses. Additionally, the state gaming agency currently receives information related to adult convictions, adult non-convictions, adult diversions and adult expunged records relating to licensing of tribal gaming conducted pursuant to tribal-state compacts, and with the amendment the state game agency would receive information related to adult convictions, adult non-convictions, adult diversions, adult expunged records, juvenile adjudications, juvenile non-adjudications and juvenile diversions related to such licensing.

Section 6 amends K.S.A. 75-7b01 to amend the definition of applicant to include a person who has submitted an application for a firearm permit under the private detective licensing statutes.