

Child Care Criminal Background and Fingerprinting Fund; Additional Prohibited Crimes; HB 2639

HB 2639 requires local and state law enforcement officers and agencies to assist the Secretary of Health and Environment (Secretary) in taking and processing fingerprints of persons residing, working, or regularly volunteering in a child care facility and to release all records of adult convictions and nonconvictions and adult convictions or adjudications of another state or country to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The Secretary of Health and Environment is required to adopt rules and regulations, by January 1, 2019, to fix a fee for fingerprinting such persons as required to reimburse KDHE for the cost of fingerprinting. The bill creates the Child Care Criminal Background and Fingerprinting Fund (Fund) in the State Treasury to be administered by the Secretary. All fingerprinting fees collected are to be deposited in the Fund for use in paying local and state law enforcement officers and agencies for the processing of fingerprints and criminal history background checks for KDHE.

The bill also updates the list of sex-related crimes that prohibit a person from residing, working, or regularly volunteering in a child care facility to include the crimes of commercial sexual exploitation of a child and the unlawful use of electronic means to commit human trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation of a child, and similar offenses.