

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6475

November 09, 2022, Introduced by Rep. Filler and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to create the volunteer employee criminal history system program; to impose a fee for conducting a national and state criminal history record information; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

## **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "volunteer employee  
2 criminal history system act".

3           Sec. 2. As used in this act:

1 (a) "Care or care placement services" means the provision of  
2 care, treatment, education, training, instruction, supervision, or  
3 recreation to a child, an elderly individual, or individual with a  
4 disability.

5 (b) "Child" means an individual who is less than 18 years of  
6 age and is not emancipated by operation of law as provided in  
7 section 4 of 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.4.

8 (c) "Covered individual" means an individual who meets any of  
9 the following requirements:

10 (i) Is employed by a qualified entity and has, seeks to have,  
11 or may have supervised or unsupervised access to a child, an  
12 elderly individual, or individual with a disability for whom the  
13 qualified entity provides care or care placement services.

14 (ii) Is a volunteer of a qualified entity and has, seeks to  
15 have, or may have supervised or unsupervised access to a child, an  
16 elderly individual, or individual with a disability for whom the  
17 qualified entity provides care or care placement services.

18 (iii) Owns, operates, or seeks to own or operate a qualified  
19 entity.

20 (d) "Criminal history record information" means that term as  
21 defined in section 1a of 1925 PA 289, MCL 28.241a.

22 (e) "Department" means the department of state police.

23 (f) "Elderly individual" means an individual who is 65 years  
24 of age or older.

25 (g) "Individual with a disability" means an individual with a  
26 mental or physical impairment who requires assistance to perform 1  
27 or more daily living tasks.

28 (h) "Program" means the volunteer employee criminal history  
29 system program created in section 3.

1 (i) "Qualified entity" means a business or organization,  
2 whether public, private, operated for profit, or operated not for  
3 profit that provides care or care placement services. A qualified  
4 entity includes a business or organization that licenses or  
5 certifies others to provide care or care placement services.

6 (j) "Rap back program" means a state or federal record of  
7 arrest and prosecution background program that enables qualified  
8 entities to receive ongoing status notifications of any criminal  
9 history reported on covered individuals whose fingerprints are  
10 registered in the system thereby eliminating the need for repeated  
11 background checks on covered individuals by qualified entities.

12 Sec. 3. (1) The volunteer employee criminal history system  
13 program is created in the department for the purpose of authorizing  
14 a national and state criminal history record information of a  
15 qualified entity's covered individuals.

16 (2) The department shall do both of the following:

17 (a) Develop the application, approval, and compliance process  
18 and standards necessary to operate and manage the program.

19 (b) Develop the application form and any other forms required  
20 for a qualified entity's registration and participation in the  
21 program.

22 Sec. 4. (1) A qualified entity may submit a request to the  
23 department for a covered individual's national and state criminal  
24 history record information under the program. The request submitted  
25 under this subsection, for each covered individual, must include a  
26 copy of the covered individual's signed and submitted statement  
27 required under section 6(3) and the covered individual's  
28 fingerprints.

29 (2) A qualified entity that submits a request for a covered

1 individual's national and state criminal history record information  
2 under subsection (1) shall register with the department. As part of  
3 the registration process, the qualified entity shall agree to  
4 comply with state and federal law, including, but not limited to,  
5 the national child protection act of 1993, 34 USC 40101 to 40104.

6 (3) The department may, in its sole discretion, audit a  
7 registered qualified entity to ensure that the registered qualified  
8 entity is complying with state and federal law, including, but not  
9 limited to, the national child protection act of 1993, 34 USC 40101  
10 to 40104.

11 Sec. 5. A qualified entity may participate in a rap back  
12 program. A qualified entity that participates in a rap back program  
13 shall notify a covered individual that is subject to a national and  
14 state criminal history record information under this act that his  
15 or her fingerprints may be retained by the department's automated  
16 fingerprint identification system and the Federal Bureau of  
17 Investigation for all purposes authorized for fingerprint  
18 submissions subject to ongoing monitoring.

19 Sec. 6. (1) A qualified entity may require a covered  
20 individual to submit his or her fingerprints under this section to  
21 determine whether the national and state criminal history record  
22 information shows that the covered individual has been convicted of  
23 or is under pending indictment for any crime that bears on his or  
24 her fitness to be responsible for the safety and well-being of a  
25 child, an elderly individual, or individual with a disability.

26 (2) The determination of the covered individual's fitness must  
27 be made solely by the qualified entity. This section does not  
28 require the department to make a fitness determination on behalf of  
29 a qualified entity. The national and state criminal history record

1 information received under this section may only be used by the  
2 qualified entity for the purpose of determining the fitness of a  
3 covered individual, as described in this section.

4 (3) A qualified entity may not submit a request for a national  
5 and state criminal history record information to the department  
6 under this section unless the covered individual has provided his  
7 or her fingerprints and a completed and signed written statement to  
8 the qualified entity that includes, but is not limited to, all of  
9 the following:

10 (a) The name, address, and date of birth of the covered  
11 individual as it appears on a valid identification document. As  
12 used in this subdivision, "identification document" means a  
13 document that is intended or commonly accepted for the purpose of  
14 identifying an individual and is made or issued by or under the  
15 authority of the United States government, a state, political  
16 subdivision of a state, sponsoring entity of an event designated as  
17 a special event of national significance, foreign government,  
18 political subdivision of a foreign government, or an international  
19 governmental or an international quasi-governmental organization.

20 (b) Notice that the covered individual's fingerprints may be  
21 used to conduct a national and state criminal history record  
22 information of the covered individual and that the criminal history  
23 record may be used by the qualified entity to deny his or her  
24 supervised or unsupervised access to a child, an elderly  
25 individual, or individual with a disability for whom the qualified  
26 entity provides care or care placement services.

27 (c) A waiver permitting the qualified entity to request and  
28 receive the national and state criminal history record information  
29 of a covered individual for the purpose of determining his or her

1 fitness to provide care or care placement services for a child, an  
2 elderly individual, or individual with a disability.

3 (d) A disclosure stating whether the covered individual has  
4 ever been convicted or is the subject of pending charges for a  
5 criminal offense and, if convicted, a description of the offense  
6 and the result of the conviction.

7 (e) Notice of the covered individual's right to obtain a copy  
8 of any background screening report, including the national and  
9 state criminal history record information, if any, contained in the  
10 report, and of the right to challenge the accuracy or completeness  
11 of any information contained in the report and to obtain a prompt  
12 determination as to the validity of the challenge before a final  
13 determination regarding his or her fitness is made by the qualified  
14 entity reviewing the national and state criminal history record  
15 information. A covered individual may only challenge the  
16 information contained in the national and state criminal history  
17 record information as provided in 28 CFR 16.34.

18 (4) A qualified entity shall maintain in its records the  
19 statement provided under subsection (3) that is completed and  
20 signed by the covered individual.

21 Sec. 7. (1) The department shall store and retain all  
22 fingerprints submitted under this act in an automated fingerprint  
23 identification system database that searches against latent  
24 fingerprints. The department shall forward all fingerprints  
25 submitted to it under this section to the Federal Bureau of  
26 Investigation to be retained in the next generation identification  
27 system or its successor system.

28 (2) The department shall provide directly to the qualified  
29 entity the state criminal history record information that is not

1 exempt from disclosure under section 2a of 1925 PA 289, MCL  
2 28.242a, or otherwise confidential under state or federal law. The  
3 department shall provide directly to the qualified entity the  
4 national and state criminal history record information as  
5 authorized by law and the covered individual's signed and written  
6 statement required under section 6(3).

7       Sec. 8. The department may charge a fee for a national and  
8 state criminal history record information conducted under this act  
9 that does not exceed the actual and reasonable cost of conducting  
10 the check, plus the amount prescribed by the Federal Bureau of  
11 Investigation for the national criminal history record information  
12 in compliance with the national child protection act of 1993, 34  
13 USC 40101 to 40104.

14       Sec. 9. If federal or state law, other than this section,  
15 requires a qualified entity to apply screening criteria to the  
16 national and state criminal history record information of a covered  
17 individual, including any right to contest or request an exemption  
18 from disqualification, this section does not apply and the  
19 qualified entity shall apply the screening criteria under that  
20 other law to the national and state criminal history record  
21 information received for a covered individual that is subject to  
22 the required screening.

23       Sec. 10. A qualified entity is not liable for damages solely  
24 for failing to obtain the national and state criminal history  
25 record information authorized under this act with respect to a  
26 covered individual. This state, a political subdivision of this  
27 state, or any agency, officer, or employee of this state or a  
28 political subdivision is not liable for damages for providing the  
29 national and state criminal history record information requested

1 under this act.

2       Sec. 11. This program does not create an entitlement or right  
3 to use the program. The department is not required to administer  
4 this program unless the legislature appropriates sufficient funds  
5 for the program. The department may administer the program subject  
6 to any limitations the department considers necessary or  
7 appropriate in the absence of the legislature appropriating funds  
8 for the program.