



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 284**

LCO No. 1713

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO CLIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
2 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall require that each applicant  
3 for an employment or volunteer position in the department submit to a  
4 state criminal background check, a check of the Department of  
5 Children and Families child abuse and neglect registry established  
6 pursuant to section 17a-101k of the general statutes, and a check of the  
7 Department of Developmental Services abuse or neglect registry  
8 established pursuant to section 17a-247b of the 2008 supplement to the  
9 general statutes. In addition, the commissioner may require that any  
10 applicant for an employment or volunteer position in the department,  
11 who has resided outside this state, submit to a national criminal  
12 background check. No applicant shall be hired or placed in a volunteer  
13 position by the department until the results of such checks are  
14 available.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To codify the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services current practice of requiring criminal history records checks, a check of the Department of Children and Families abuse or neglect registry, and a check of the Department of Developmental Services abuse or neglect registry of all applicants for an employment or volunteer position with the department.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*