

Senate File 2182 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the performance of background checks for
2 certified nurse aide training program students.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135C.33, subsection 8, paragraph b, Code
2 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Prior to a student beginning or returning to a certified
4 nurse aide training program, the program shall request that
5 the department of public safety perform a criminal history
6 check and the department of human services perform child and
7 dependent adult abuse record checks, in this state, of the
8 student. In lieu of requesting the criminal history check in
9 this state, the program may conduct a comprehensive national
10 criminal history check that incorporates criminal history
11 records in this state. The program may contract with a
12 third party to initiate and receive the record checks on the
13 program's behalf. The program or the program's contractor
14 may access the single contact repository established pursuant
15 to this section as necessary ~~for the program~~ to initiate the
16 record checks.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to the performance of background checks
21 for certified nurse aide training program students. These
22 programs are approved in accordance with rules adopted by the
23 department of human services (DHS) to train persons seeking to
24 be a certified nurse aide.

25 Current law requires the training programs to request that
26 the department of public safety perform a criminal history
27 check and DHS perform child and dependent adult abuse record
28 checks, in this state, before a student begins or returns to
29 a program. Under the bill, in lieu of requesting a criminal
30 history check in this state by the department, the program
31 may instead conduct a comprehensive national criminal history
32 check that incorporates criminal history records in this state.
33 The bill authorizes a training program to contract with a
34 third party to initiate and receive the record checks on the
35 program's behalf, including accessing the single contact

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1 repository. The repository is a means of providing electronic
2 access to data for the purpose of background checks.