

**Senate File 2231 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2231  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2182)

**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.