

HCS SCS SB 229 -- MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYMENT DISQUALIFICATION
REGISTRY

This bill changes the laws regarding the Department of Mental Health Disqualification Registry, which includes individuals who are disqualified from holding any position in a public or private facility, day program, residential facility, or specialized service operated, licensed, certified, accredited, in possession of deemed status, or funded by the department or in a mental health facility or program. A person who has been found guilty of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere in Missouri to a felony violation of the drug provisions under Chapter 195, RSMo, trafficking in children, stealing, forgery, financial exploitation of the elderly and disabled, identity theft, aiding escape of a prisoner, or supporting terrorism or an equivalent felony offense in another state, an equivalent federal felony offense, or an equivalent offense under the federal Uniform Code of Military Justice is disqualified from holding any direct-care position in any of the facilities or programs.

A person hired after January 1, 2014, who has been found guilty or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to driving while intoxicated or driving with excessive blood alcohol content and is found by a court to be an aggravated or chronic offender is also disqualified from holding a direct-care position in the previously mentioned facilities or programs.

A disqualified person may seek an exception to the disqualification from the department director or his or her designee if the person is in recovery and the disqualifying felony offense was alcohol or drug related.