

HB 322 -- CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

SPONSOR: Shumake

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 7 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill authorizes political subdivisions by policy, rule, or regulation to require the fingerprinting of employment applicants or licensees in specified occupations for the purpose of receiving criminal history record information. Currently, only municipalities and counties by local or county ordinance have this authority.

An outdated provision regarding the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) is repealed.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill was requested by sheriffs' departments and ambulance districts.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Shumake.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.