

SENATE BILL 241

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EMPLOYEE

PERSON WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT IN ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM, OR CONSUMER & ELDER RIGHTS DIVISION.



SELECTED APPLICANT

A PERSON WHO HAS COMPLETED INTERVIEWS, BEEN SELECTED AS A CANDIDATE, AND IS WAITING ON BACKGROUND CHECK TO START THEIR POSITION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.



VOLUNTEER

A PERSON WHO IS NOT A PAID EMPLOYEE WHO SERVES THE DEPARTMENT ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM OR CONSUMER & ELDER RIGHTS DIVISION.

WHAT IS SENATE BILL (SB) 241?

PROPOSES ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE ALTSD ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS AND PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYEES, SELECTED APPLICANTS OR VOLUNTEERS.

This change would align the department with other state agencies (CYFD, ECECD) who work with vulnerable populations.

WHY DO WE NEED THIS?

ALTSD ADMINISTERS MANY PROGRAMS WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (SUCH AS NEW MEXICARE) AND THIS WOULD ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO DO THOROUGH BACKGROUND CHECKS TO BEST PROTECT OUR CONSTITUENCY.

Records stay confidential & private (cannot be obtained through IPRA) & cannot be shared.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- 1 PERSON SUBMITS ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTS TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS).
- 2 DPS CONDUCTS STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.
- 3 FBI DOES NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.
- 4 DPS & FBI RECORDS RETURN TO DEPARTMENT FOR DETERMINATION OF PERSON'S QUALIFICATION.