HCS HB 1603 -- CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

SPONSOR: Shumake

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 7 to 2. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill authorizes ambulance districts 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An outdated provision regarding the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) is repealed.

This bill is similar to HB 322 (2015).

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

Testifying for the bill was Representative Shumake.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.