

HB 1944 -- BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

SPONSOR: Anderson

This bill changes the law regarding background checks for foster families. The bill requires the Children's Division to obtain fingerprints for any person over the age of 17 in the applicant's household; previously the division had to obtain three separate sets of fingerprints. The bill requires the State Highway Patrol to provide ongoing electronic updates of criminal history background checks, which will terminate when the applicant ceases to be a licensed foster parent or when no longer needed under the statute.