

2023 Kansas Statutes

75-53,105. Secretary access to criminal history, court records; nationwide search; fees; unauthorized disclosure, penalty. (a) As used in this section, "secretary" means the secretary for children and families or the secretary for aging and disability services.

(b) The secretary shall upon request receive from the Kansas bureau of investigation such criminal history record information as necessary for the purpose of determining initial and continuing qualification for employment or for participation in any program administered by the secretary for the placement, safety, protection or treatment of vulnerable children or adults.

(c) The secretary shall have access to any court orders or adjudications of any court of record, any records of such orders, adjudications, arrests, nonconvictions, convictions, expungements, juvenile records, juvenile expungements, diversions and any criminal history record information in the possession of the Kansas bureau of investigation concerning such employee or individual.

(d) If a nationwide criminal records check of all records noted above is necessary, as determined by the secretary, the secretary's request will be based on the submission of fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation for the identification of the individual and to obtain criminal history record information, including arrest and nonconviction data.

(e) Fees for such records checks shall be assessed to the secretary.

(f) Disclosure or use of any such information received by the secretary or a designee of the secretary or of any record containing such information, for any purpose other than that provided by this act is a class A misdemeanor and shall constitute grounds for removal from office or termination of employment. Nothing in this act shall be construed to make unlawful or prohibit the disclosure of any such information in a hearing or court proceeding involving programs administered by the secretary or prohibit the disclosure of any such information to the post auditor in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the legislative post audit act.

History: L. 2005, ch. 168, § 1; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 374; L. 2015, ch. 56, § 1; May 21.