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Governor Musgrove Signs Background Checks Bill

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has signed House Bill 1077, strengthening the criminal background check procedure for individuals seeking employment in health care facilities.

“We’re talking about the safety and security of people who are focused on their own health care needs, who shouldn’t have to worry about the background of those fulfilling those needs,” said Musgrove. “Friends and family members we want to know they’re getting the best possible care from the most qualified caregivers.”

Applicants will be fingerprinted and the fingerprints will be run through the Department of Public Safety’s Criminal Information Center. If no records are found at the state level, prints will be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national check.

“This is about the protection of those who aren’t in a position to protect themselves,” Musgrove said.

The bill became effectively immediately.

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