

75-5609a. Office of laboratory services; criminal history record check; fingerprinting. (a) The secretary of health and environment shall require any person offered a position of employment in and any employee of the office of laboratory services of the Kansas department of health and environment that will have access to a secured biological laboratory to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check. Such person offered a position of employment or employee shall be given written notice that a fingerprinting and state and national criminal history record check is required as a condition of initial and continued employment. The fingerprints shall be used to identify such person offered a position of employment or employee and to determine whether such person offered a position of employment or employee has a record of criminal history in this state or other jurisdiction. The secretary of health and environment shall submit the fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation for a state and national criminal history record check. Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies shall assist the secretary of health and environment in the taking and processing of fingerprints of such persons offered positions of employment or employees.

(b) The secretary of health and environment shall use the information obtained from fingerprinting and criminal history for the purposes of verifying the identification of any person offered a position of employment or employee in the official determination of the eligibility of such person or employee to perform tasks within the office of laboratory services. If criminal history record information or results of drug screening is used to disqualify a person offered a position of employment or terminate an employee, such person offered a position of employment or employee shall be informed in writing of the purpose of such disqualification or termination from employment.

(c) As a condition of continued employment, any employee who has access to a secured biological laboratory in the office of laboratory services of the Kansas department of health and environment shall be subject to state and national criminal history record checks at a frequency determined by the secretary.

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