

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3228

Introduced 2/11/2020, by Sen. Mattie Hunter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 90/8.7 new

Amends the Physical Therapy Act. Adds provision requiring that applicants for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall submit their fingerprints for the purpose of criminal history records checks.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Physical Therapy Act is amended by adding Section 8.7 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 90/8.7 new)

Sec. 8.7. Criminal history records background check. Each applicant for licensure under Sections 8 and 8.1 shall have his or her fingerprints submitted to the Illinois State Police in an electronic format that complies with the form and manner for requesting and furnishing criminal history record information as prescribed by the Illinois State Police. These fingerprints shall be transmitted through a live scan fingerprint vendor licensed by the Department. These fingerprints shall be checked against the Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record databases now and hereafter filed. The Illinois State Police shall charge applicants a fee for conducting the criminal history records check, which shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the records check. The Illinois State Police shall furnish, pursuant to positive identification, records of Illinois convictions to the Department. The Department may require applicants to pay a

separate fingerprinting fee, either to the Department or to a

vendor designated or approved by the Department. The

Department, in its discretion, may allow an applicant or

licensee who does not have reasonable access to a designated

vendor to provide his or her fingerprints in an alternative

manner. The Department may adopt any rules necessary to

implement this Section.