***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script: Background Checks**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a new law that relates to background checks for certain individuals…

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Q: is Senate Bill….**

[House Bill 1350](https://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=74748186) modifies provisions relating to criminal history records, including criminal record reviews and background checks for in-home service providers and child care providers.

The measure was prefiled last December; given first-round Missouri House of Representatives approval on Feb. 8; heard by the [Missouri Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/SFCH/) on Feb. 28; given preliminary Missouri Senate approval on May 8; sent to the executive branch on May 18; and signed into law on June 29.

During Missouri Senate discussion, bill handler — Sen. Caleb Rowden of Columbia — told his colleagues there are three, main components to House Bill 1350…

**Rowden 1  
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Q: five years thereafter.**

Senator Scott Sifton of Affton then offered an amendment…

**Sifton 2  
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Q: evidence warrants it.**

His amendment is successful.

Now, House Bill 1350 has five elements to it:

* The central repository;
* Criminal record review;
* Fingerprinting;
* Background checks for in-home service providers; and
* Background checks for child care providers.

The new law took effect on Aug. 28.

Missouri senators move closer to starting the *next* legislative session.

The First Regular Session of the 100th General Assembly will start at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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