

**§ 143B-1209.53. National criminal record checks for child care institutions.**

The State Bureau of Investigation shall provide to the Department of Health and Human Services, Criminal Records Check Unit, in accordance with G.S. 108A-150, the criminal history of any current or prospective employee or volunteer in a child care institution as defined by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, including individuals working with a contract agency in a child care institution. The Department of Health and Human Services, Criminal Records Check Unit, shall provide to the Bureau, along with the request, the fingerprints of the individual to be checked, any additional information required by the Bureau, and a form signed by the individual to be checked consenting to the check of the criminal record and to the use of fingerprints and other identifying information required by the State or National Repositories of Criminal Histories. The fingerprints of the individual shall be used for a search of the State's criminal history record file, and the Bureau shall forward a set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. All information received by the Department of Health and Human Services, Criminal Records Check Unit, shall be kept confidential in accordance with G.S. 108A-150. The Bureau may charge a reasonable fee to conduct a criminal record check under this section. (2019-240, s. 25(c); recodified from N.C. Gen. Stat. 143B-972 by 2023-134, s. 19F.4(i), (j).)