

**CHAPTER 97****( HB 262 )**

AN ACT relating to federally mandated background checks and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *Each employee of the cabinet, including contract staff, with access to or use of federal tax information shall submit to a criminal background investigation by means of a fingerprint check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*
- (2) *The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement this section.*

➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 42 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *Each employee of the Department of Revenue, including contract staff, with access to or use of federal tax information shall submit to a criminal background investigation by means of a fingerprint check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*
- (2) *The Department of Revenue shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement this section.*

➔Section 3. Whereas the background checks authorized in this Act are vital for child and public safety and ensure ongoing federal funding compliance, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

**Signed by Governor March 21, 2017.**