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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1422

5 By: Representatives Boyd, Vaught
6 By: Senator K. Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AS A
10 REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR
11 A PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AS A PHYSICAL
18 THERAPIST OR A PHYSICAL THERAPIST
19 ASSISTANT.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-93-303(b), concerning the licensing
25 requirements for a physical therapist, is amended to add an additional
26 subdivision to read as follows:

27 (6)(A) Apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of
28 Arkansas State Police for a state and national criminal background check to
29 be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

30 (B) The criminal background check shall conform to the
31 applicable federal standards, as existing on January 1, 2019, and shall
32 include the taking of fingerprints.

33 (C) The applicant shall sign a release of information to
34 the board and be responsible to the Department of Arkansas State Police for
35 the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

36 (D) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the



1 Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall
2 forward to the board all information obtained concerning the commission by
3 the applicant of any offense listed.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-93-304(b), concerning the licensing
6 requirements of a physical therapist assistant, is amended to add an
7 additional subdivision to read as follows:

8 (6)(A) Apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of
9 Arkansas State Police for a state and national criminal background check to
10 be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

11 (B) The criminal background check shall conform to the
12 applicable federal standards, as existing on January 1, 2019, and shall
13 include the taking of fingerprints.

14 (C) The applicant shall sign a release of information to
15 the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy and be responsible to the
16 Department of Arkansas State Police for the payment of any fee associated
17 with the criminal background check.

18 (D) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the
19 Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall
20 forward to the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy all information
21 obtained concerning the commission by the applicant of any offense listed.

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23 /s/Boyd
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