

Department of Revenue—Employees; SB 96

SB 96 provides for the fingerprinting of Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) employees and also deals with the classification of that agency's driver's license examiners.

Fingerprinting of Employees

The bill authorizes the Secretary of Revenue (Secretary) to require, as a condition of initial or continued employment, the fingerprinting of contractors and employees having access to federal tax information received directly from the Internal Revenue Service. Such persons also will be subject to state and national criminal history record checks. The Secretary is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Local and state law enforcement agencies are required to assist the Secretary in the taking and processing of fingerprints and to release all records of arrests and convictions to the Secretary.

The Secretary may use information obtained under the bill only to verify the identification of persons and to determine their fitness for employment. Any other use or disclosure of the information is deemed a class A nonperson misdemeanor and constitutes grounds for removal from office, with the exception of certain information that may be shared with the Post Auditor in accordance with the provisions of the Legislative Post Audit Act.

The bill requires all costs be paid by KDOR or its contractors.

Driver's License Examiners

The bill also allows driver's license examiners within KDOR to have the choice to move from the classified to the unclassified service.