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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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