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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 450

5 By: Senator B. King  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BACKGROUNDS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED  
9 BY OR WHO CONTRACT WITH THE JUDICIARY; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING THE BACKGROUNDS OF PERSONS  
14 EMPLOYED BY OR WHO CONTRACT WITH THE  
15 JUDICIARY.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is  
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 16-10-139. Employment or contracting disqualification due to a  
24 criminal offense.

25 (a) Subject to a contrary rule or order by the Supreme Court, unless  
26 otherwise provided for under subsection (b) of this section, a person who has  
27 been convicted of a felony or Class A misdemeanor may not be or remain  
28 employed by or contract with the following judicial entities:

29 (1) A district court;

30 (2) A district court clerk's office;

31 (3) A circuit court;

32 (4) A circuit court clerk's office; or

33 (5) The Administrative Office of the Courts.

34 (b) A person who is otherwise disqualified from being employed by or  
35 contracting for services with a judicial entity under subsection (a) of this  
36 section may be or remain employed by or contract for services with a judicial



1 entity under subsection (a) of this section if the person's sentence for the  
2 felony or Class A misdemeanor was completed ten (10) years or more before the  
3 employment or contracting of services.

4 (c) The limitation on employment under this section does not require  
5 that the entities described in subsection (a) of this section either require  
6 or complete an official criminal background check as a condition of  
7 employment.

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