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Media Advisory:

New Bill Would Require Nursing Homes to Conduct Employee Background Checks

ATHENS, Ga. – (Feb. 15, 2017) – Senate Bill 406, which was introduced on Tuesday, if passed would require nursing homes, assisted living homes, and other long-term care facilities to conduct criminal background checks on all employees. Under the bill, a state-wide “Caregivers’ Registry” would also be established, which would allow certain employers access to the background checks and other pertinent information.

The bill would require any applicant seeking employment, or any current employees at long-term care facilities to consent to a national and state background check, which includes a registry check, a check of information maintained by a professional licensing board (if applicable), and a criminal background check.

The bill would also require facilities to maintain a personnel file for each employee and would hold facilities accountable if they don’t terminate an employee who is found to have an unsatisfactory determination or fails a registry check.

If you’re interested in how this could affect long-term care facilities in your region, we have expert sources at BBGA who can provide you with more information. Partner [Evan Jones](#) is a personal injury attorney whose primary focus is nursing home neglect and abuse.

If you would like to set up an interview with Evan, contact Allie Jackson at (706) 354-4000, or by email at ajackson@bbga.com.

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