

# STATE LAWS ON BACKGROUND CHECKS - CALIFORNIA

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## California

Assembly Bill No. 230, an act to add Chapter 2.7 (commencing with Section 18900) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to youth athletic programs, effective January 1, 2016.

Assembly Bill No. 230 was signed into law July 21, 2014 and becomes effective January 1, 2016. This bill will require a community youth athletic program to provide written notice to the parent or guardian of a youth participating in the program regarding the program's policies relating to criminal background checks for volunteers and hired coaches in the program. If criminal background checks are obtained for hired or volunteer coaches, the written notice shall contain both of the following: (A) a statement regarding whether the criminal background check includes state and federal criminal history information and whether the program obtains subsequent arrest notification for those individuals and (B) contact information regarding where the parent or guardian of a child participating in a community youth athletic program can obtain additional information about the program's background check policy, such as the entity providing the criminal background check or the nature of the type of offenses the program searched. Written notice is satisfied by a posting on the community youth athletic program's website.

The text of Assembly Bill No. 230 can be viewed online at:

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201320140AB230](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB230)