DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits employment discrimination based on criminal history records.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that when making a hiring decision, an employer shall not request or consider an arrest record or charge that did not result in a conviction, if such information is received in the course of a background check.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that when considering other types of criminal history records, an employer shall make an individual assessment of whether an applicant's criminal history record has a direct and adverse relationship with the specific duties of the job that may justify denying the applicant the position.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that when making the individual assessment, an employer shall consider all of the following:

- (1) The nature and gravity of the offense or conduct.
- (2) The time that has elapsed since the offense, conduct, or conviction.
- (3) The nature of the job sought.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that upon written request by the applicant, an employer shall make available to the applicant, any background check information used during the hiring process.

(Adds R.S. 23:291.2)