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3	AMENDMENT TO SB82
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8	On page 2, after line 11, insert the following:
9	This bill would also require all applicants for
10	licensure as a physical therapist or a physical therapist
11	assistant in the state to submit to a criminal background
12	Check. On page 3, line 6, delete "and"
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16	On page 3, line 8, after "states" insert the
17	following:
18	; and to amend Section 34-24-211, Code of Alabama
19	1975, to require applicants seeking licensure as a physical
20	therapist or physical therapist assistant to submit to a
21	criminal background check
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23	On page 32, after line 17, insert a new Section 13
24	as follows and renumber the remaining section accordingly:
25	Section 13. Section 34-24-211, Code of Alabama 1975
26	is amended to read as follows:

"(a) An applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or for a license as a physical therapist assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the board together with a fee as set by the board, no part of which shall be returned. The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she is of good moral character and has completed a program of physical therapy education appropriate for training a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant, as the case may be, approved by the board or a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Each applicant shall also be a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.

"(b) On and after the effective date of the act adding this amendatory language, an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant shall submit to the board, on a form sworn to by the applicant, his or her name, date of birth, Social Security number, and two complete sets of fingerprints for completion of a criminal history background check. The board shall submit the fingerprints to the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency for a state criminal history background check. The fingerprints shall be forwarded by the agency to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history background check. Costs associated with conducting a criminal history background check shall be paid by the applicant."