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## **Act 114 Fingerprinting Update**

Act 114 ( 24 PS 1-111 as amended ) includes background check requirements for “student teacher candidates”, defined as an individual participating in a classroom teaching, internship, clinical or field experience who, as part of a program for the initial or advanced preparation of professional educators, performs classroom teaching or assists in the education program in a public or private school, Intermediate Unit (IU) or Career and Technology Center (CTC) under the supervision of educator preparation program faculty.

IUP teacher candidates are required to obtain this clearance during Step I. This clearance will remain valid as long as they are continuously enrolled in IUP's educator preparation program.

A new Federal criminal history record is required if the individual's enrollment at IUP's educator preparation program is interrupted or if that candidate transfers to another educator preparation program. However, if the first background check is less than one year old, it may be used for the new program.

A new background check is required if the individual transfers from one program to another. However, if the first background check is less than one year old, it may be used for the new program.

Additional information about the finger printing process can be found at [https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index\\_pde.htm](https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_pde.htm)