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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, [House Bill 253](#), relative to criminal background checks in the employee application process, was signed into law. **Representative Brian Sullivan (D-Grantham), chair of the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee**, released the following statement:

“Discriminating against an applicant for employment because they have a criminal record is wrong and not how our criminal justice system is supposed to work. This practice perpetuates cycles of recidivism and unemployment among people who were formerly incarcerated. While House Bill 253 as amended and signed into law adds a few new protections for employees, there is still more work to be done. I look forward to supporting legislation next session that will further expand these protections.”

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