

# ***LEGAL ALERT!***

## **AS FUTURE TEACHERS, YOU NEED TO KNOW...**

The State of Michigan has laws regarding the legal acceptability of candidates who wish to teach:

Public Act 99 of 1992: Requires school districts to conduct a criminal records check (fingerprint) through the Michigan State Police prior to employing a **teacher**, administrator, **substitute teacher**, school nurse, school psychologist or other certified personnel. There is a fee paid by the candidate.

Public Act 83 of 1995: Requires that in addition to a State criminal records (fingerprint) check, **new teachers**, administrators, **substitutes**, etc., have a federal criminal records (fingerprint) check. There is a fee paid by the candidate.

**Our Central Michigan University program is required to report persons with felony convictions and/or any of the following misdemeanors:**

- ✓ Criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree;
- ✓ Attempt to commit criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree;
- ✓ Child abuse in the third or fourth degree;
- ✓ Attempt to commit child abuse in the third or fourth degree;
- ✓ Cruelty, torture, or indecent exposure involving a child;
- ✓ Delivery of a narcotic to a minor or student or within 1000 feet of school property;
- ✓ Breaking and entering;
- ✓ Knowingly allowing a minor to consume or possess alcohol or a controlled substance at a social gathering;
- ✓ Accosting, enticing, or soliciting a child for an immoral purpose;
- ✓ Larceny from a vacant dwelling;
- ✓ Assault; assault and battery;
- ✓ Assault; infliction of a serious injury;
- ✓ Selling or furnishing alcoholic liquor to a person less than 21 years of age.

**These other conviction areas are also a concern of the State of Michigan:**

- ✓ Shoplifting
- ✓ Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- ✓ Minor in possession of/consumption of alcohol
- ✓ Possession/use of illegal substances

**In our program, you will be asked on three occasions to report your status:**

1. Application to the Teacher Education Program
2. Admission to the Teacher Education Program
3. Application to Student Teach
4. Program Completion

Students are under obligation to report any change in their legal status. Please contact the Center for Student Services, Ronan 204, phone: (989-774-3309) for more information if you have been convicted of a felony or one of the listed misdemeanors. Failure to report a conviction that shows up in a criminal record's check may result in denial or revocation of your teaching certificate.