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This bill amends the requirements for background studies for parents who are guardians of their children. Under existing law, when a child with a disability is raised by their parent and then that parent becomes the guardian of that child, the parent does not have to provide a background check unless the attorney appointed for the ward (the parent's child) has requested one. The law requires that the child turn 18 while in the parent's care. This bill amends the background check exemption to extend to parents when their children are under their care but go into a residential facility before they turn 18.