
DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds to the list of individuals that the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information shall make available to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Present law provides that the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information (the bureau) shall make available to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) all criminal history record information as defined in present law, R.S. 15:576, related to foster and adoptive parent applicants. Proposed law adds to the applicants listed in present law, by including individuals employed directly or indirectly by institutions or facilities providing or with the potential of providing daily care or supervision to any child or youth in the custody of or under the supervision of any La. state government agency.

Present law provides that the bureau shall facilitate national criminal history record checks on certain individuals as it relates to the fostering and adopting of certain children subject to DCFS investigation or custody. Proposed law adds to the applicants listed in present law, by including individuals employed directly or indirectly by institutions or facilities providing or with the potential of providing daily care or supervision to any child or youth in the custody of or under the supervision of any La. state government agency.

Present law provides that DCFS is authorized to receive and screen the results of the state and national criminal history record checks as it relates to the fostering and adopting of certain children subject to DCFS investigation or custody. Proposed law gives DCFS authority to assess the qualifications of individuals employed, directly or indirectly, by institutions or facilities providing or with the potential of providing daily care or supervision to any child or youth in the custody of or under the supervision of any La. state government agency as it relates to fostering and adopting children.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:587(A)(2)(a) and (b))