RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 50 (HB 475)

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Existing law (ethics code – nepotism) prohibits an agency head from employing a member of his immediate family in his agency and prohibits a governmental entity from employing an immediate family member of a member of the governing authority or of the chief executive of the governmental entity.

<u>Existing law</u> provides an exception that authorizes a local school board to employ any member of the immediate family of a board member or of the school district superintendent as a classroom teacher if the family member is certified to teach or is temporarily authorized to teach while pursuing certification. <u>Existing law</u> provides other specific exceptions relating to employment of family members by school boards.

<u>Existing law</u> requires that a school board member or superintendent whose immediate family member is employed by the school board to file a disclosure statement with the Bd. of Ethics stating the facts of such employment.

<u>Prior law</u> provided that the deadline for filing the disclosure was 30 days after the beginning of each school year. <u>New law</u> changes the deadline for filing the disclosures to Sept. 15th of each year.

<u>Existing law</u> provides that a person who fails to timely file a disclosure statement may be assessed a late fee of \$50 per day, not to exceed \$1,500.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 42:1119(B)(2)(a)(iii))