
DIGEST

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HB 445 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to juvenile records.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 412) relative to confidentiality of juvenile records, provides that records and reports concerning all matters or proceedings before the juvenile court, except traffic violations, are confidential and shall not be disclosed except as expressly authorized by present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 412(M)) provides that records of juvenile criminal conduct shall not be made a part of any state or local criminal background check.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that records of juvenile criminal conduct shall not be disseminated as a criminal background check to anyone outside of the criminal justice system as defined in present law (R.S. 15:576(5)).

Proposed law shall not prohibit the creation of an interoperable set of criminal justice information systems at the state and local levels pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:575 et seq.) or preclude the dissemination of criminal history record information as defined in present law (R.S. 15:576(2)) in and to the criminal justice system as defined in present law (R.S. 15:576(5)).

Present law (R.S. 15:576) provides for definitions relative to the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law (R.S. 15:576(2)) defines the terms "criminal history record" or "criminal history record information" and further specifies that these terms do not include intelligence or investigatory purposes, nor any identification information which does not indicate involvement of the individual in the criminal justice system, or records of juvenile criminal conduct.

Proposed law amends present law to remove the reference to records of juvenile criminal conduct as information that is not included within the terms "criminal history record" or "criminal history record information".

Present law (R.S. 15:579) provides for rules and regulations of the La. Bureau of Criminal

Identification and Information.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law provides that records of juvenile criminal conduct shall not be made a part of any state or local criminal background check.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that records of juvenile criminal conduct shall not be disseminated as a criminal background check to anyone outside of the criminal justice system as defined in present law (R.S. 15:576(5)).

Proposed law provides that any information on juvenile criminal conduct obtained by the bureau under present law shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of present law (Ch.C. Arts. 412, 414, and 917-926) and shall be made available pursuant to such provisions.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 412(M) and R.S. 15:576(2) and 579; Adds Ch.C. Art. 412(P) and R.S. 15:589.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Clarify that records of juvenile criminal conduct shall not be disseminated as a criminal background check to anyone outside of the criminal justice system as defined in present law (R.S. 15:576(5)).
3. Provide that any information on juvenile criminal conduct obtained by the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information shall be handled and made available in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Children's Code.