HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 38 2025 Regular Session

Bacala

PUBLIC RECORDS: Provides relative to records of prosecutive, investigative, and law enforcement agencies and communications districts

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 44:3) provides relative to records of law enforcement agencies. Provides for circumstances where records are not required to be disclosed.

<u>Present law</u> provides that it shall not be construed to require disclosures of certain records held by the offices of certain specified officers and agencies. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the arrest records of a person, other than the investigative police report, shall not be disclosed until a final judgement of conviction or guilty plea. Provides that the initial report of the officer's investigation records of the booking of the person, records of the issuance of a summons or citation, and the records of the filing of the bill of information are public record.

<u>Present law</u> requires the initial report to include certain information, including a narrative description of the alleged offense and the name and identification of each and every person who is a witness to, a suspect charged with, or arrested for the alleged offense.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the initial report is not required to include names and identification of persons if prohibited by federal law or state law other than public records laws.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the requirement that the initial report include each and every person who is a witness to the alleged offense. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 44:3(A)(intro. para.) and (A)(4)(b)(ii))