

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 445

2025 Regular Session

Villio

June 10, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 445 by Representative Villio, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1.
- That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Barrow (#2111) be rejected.
2.
- That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, at the end of line 5, add the following:

"Such access and use shall include an audit trail to maintain the integrity of the records and ensure accountability. Such trail shall include all of the following:

(1) Who accessed the system.

(2) When the system was accessed.

(3) What actions were performed during access."

Respectfully submitted,

<div>Representative Dodie Horton</div>	<div>Senator Regina Ashford Barrow</div>
<div>Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur</div>	<div>Senator Caleb Seth Kleinpeter</div>
<div>Representative Debbie Villio</div>	<div>Senator John C. "Jay" Morris III</div>

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

CRIMINAL/RECORDS: Provides relative to juvenile records

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Made technical changes.
2. Required annual reporting to the legislature and provides for information contained within such written reports.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Provide that any access and use of information pertaining to juvenile criminal conduct shall include an audit trail to maintain the integrity of the records and ensure accountability.
2. Specify what information is included in the audit trail.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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.

Proposed law provides that any access and use pertaining to information on juvenile criminal conduct shall include an audit trail to maintain the integrity of the records and ensure accountability. Further provides that such trail shall include all of the following:

- (1) Who accessed the system.
- (2) When the system was accessed.
- (3) What actions were performed during access.

(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)