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SENATE BILL NO. 233

BY SENATOR MIZELL

STATE AGENCIES. Establishes the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart F of Part I of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised
3 Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:18.1 through 18.3, relative to data
4 exchange; to establish the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact; to provide
5 for authorization and purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms,
6 conditions, administration, and procedure; to provide for an effective date; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Subpart F of Part I of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana
10 Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:18.1 through 18.3, is hereby enacted to read
11 as follows:

12 **SUBPART F. LOUISIANA STATEWIDE DATA EXCHANGE COMPACT**

13 **§18.1. Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact; authorization and**
14 **purpose**

15 **The office of technology services is authorized to create the Louisiana**
16 **Statewide Data Exchange Compact pursuant to the provisions of this Subpart.**

17 **The Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact shall establish a single legal**

1 and technical framework for secure, privacy-compliant interagency data
2 sharing between the office of technology services and agencies as defined in this
3 Subpart. The Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact shall facilitate
4 disclosure of confidential information and describe each participating agency's
5 rights and obligations with respect to confidential information and the limited
6 purposes for which each agency may use or have access to confidential
7 information.

8 §18.2. Definitions

9 As used in this Subpart, the following terms shall have the following
10 meanings:

11 (1) "Agency" means either of the following:

12 (a) A department, board, bureau, commission, office, authority, council,
13 or institution of state government.

14 (b) A state university or college, a junior college, or any service or part
15 of a state institution of higher education.

16 (2) "Data exchange" means the secure and structured process of sharing
17 information between agencies, involving transforming data into compatible
18 formats to ensure seamless transfer, interoperability, and usability, allowing
19 agencies to gain insights, improve operations, and foster collaboration.

20 (3) "Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact" means a uniform
21 data sharing and data security agreement entered into between participating
22 agencies and the office of technology services to facilitate an efficient and
23 consistent method of compliance with state and federal laws regarding data
24 sharing and data security.

25 §18.3. Administration of the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact;
26 office of technology services

27 A. The office of technology services shall serve as the Louisiana
28 Statewide Data Exchange Compact administrator.

29 B. The office of technology services shall establish a committee of

1 participating agencies that shall provide input on the establishment of the
2 template of the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact. The committee
3 shall review the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact at least
4 biannually to correspond with any changes to state and federal laws and the
5 evolving data security landscape.

6 C. The use of the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact by the
7 agency is voluntary and the agency at any time may determine that the use of
8 the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact is no longer appropriate for
9 the specific date and may amend or terminate the Louisiana Statewide Data
10 Exchange Compact or pursue an alternate approach to protecting data shared
11 by the agency.

12 D. Each participating agency shall sign the Louisiana Statewide Data
13 Exchange Compact to serve as the primary governance document for the
14 safeguarding of data shared among agencies.

15 E. The Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact shall specify that
16 the receiving agency shall establish, implement, and maintain administrative,
17 physical, and technical safeguards to preserve and maintain the confidentiality,
18 integrity, and availability of the confidential information disclosed to it by
19 another agency.

20 F. The office of technology services may promulgate rules, in accordance
21 with the Administrative Procedure Act, to implement the provisions of this
22 Subpart.

23 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
24 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
25 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
26 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
27 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Proposed law authorizes the office of technology services to create the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact (LSDEC), to establish a single legal and technical framework for secure, privacy-compliant data sharing between the office of technology services and participating agencies.

Proposed law provides that the compact shall facilitate the disclosure of confidential information and set forth each participating agency's rights and obligations regarding such information, including the limited purposes for which each agency may use or have access to confidential information.

Proposed law defines "agency", "data exchange", and "Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact".

Proposed law requires the office of technology services to serve as the administrator for LSDEC.

Proposed law requires the office of technology services to establish a committee of participating agencies to provide input on the development of the LSDEC and review the compact at least twice per year to ensure alignment with changes in state and federal law and developments in data security practices.

Proposed law provides that participation in the LSDEC is voluntary and authorizes an agency, at any time, to make the determination that continued use of the compact is no longer appropriate for specific data and to amend or terminate its participation or pursue an alternative method to protect data shared by the agency.

Proposed law requires participating agencies to sign the LSDEC, which shall serve as the primary governance document for safeguarding data shared among agencies.

Proposed law requires the compact to specify that a receiving agency shall establish, implement, and maintain appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of confidential information received from another agency.

Proposed law authorizes the office of technology services to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of proposed law.

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

(Adds R.S. 39:18.1-18.3)