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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 community or technical college, or any
15 service or part 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 collective
21 of data sharing and data security agreements 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 and shall develop a template
29 for the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact.

1 B. The office of technology services shall establish a committee of
2 participating agencies that shall advise the office on the Louisiana Statewide
3 Data Exchange Compact and provide input on the establishment of the template
4 of the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact. The committee shall
5 review the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact at least biannually to
6 correspond with any changes to state and federal laws and the evolving data
7 security landscape and shall report any recommended changes to the template
8 or any rules adopted pursuant to this Section to the office of technology services.

9 C. The use of the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact by the
10 agency is voluntary and each participating agency at any time may determine
11 that the use of the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact is no longer
12 appropriate for the specific data and may amend its agreement, terminate its
13 participation in the Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact, or pursue an
14 alternate approach to protecting data shared by the agency.

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

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

23 F. The office of technology services shall not acquire any ownership
24 rights or interest in data shared pursuant to the Louisiana Statewide Data
25 Exchange Compact. Each participating agency shall retain the ownership rights
26 of any data in its custody and control regardless of the data source.

27 G. The office of technology services shall promulgate rules, in
28 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, to implement the provisions
29 of this Subpart. Any proposed rules shall be submitted to the committee for

1 **approval by a majority vote of the participating agencies prior to adoption and**
 2 **implementation.**

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 7 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)]

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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 LSDEC 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 and develop a template for the LSDEC.

Proposed law requires the office of technology services to establish a committee of participating agencies to advise the office on the LSDEC and provide input on the establishment of the template.

Proposed law further requires the LSDEC to review the compact at least twice per year to ensure alignment with changes in state and federal law and developments in data security practices and report any recommended changes to the template or any rules to the office of technology services.

Proposed law provides that participation in the LSDEC is voluntary and authorizes each participating agency, at any time, to make the determination that continued use of the LSDEC is no longer appropriate for the specific data and to amend its agreement, 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 prohibits the office of technology services from acquiring any ownership rights or interest in data shared pursuant to the LSDEC. Further requires each participating agency to retain the ownership rights of any data in its custody and control regardless of the data source.

Proposed law requires the office of technology services to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of proposed law. Proposed law further requires any proposed rules to be submitted to the committee for approval by a majority vote of the participating agencies prior to adoption and implementation.

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Clarify the definition of "Louisiana Statewide Data Exchange Compact".
2. Require the office of technology services to develop a template for the LSDEC.
3. Require the committee to advise the office of technology services on the LSDEC and report any recommended changes to the template or any rules to the office of technology services.
4. Authorize each participating agency to amend its agreement, terminate its participation in the LSDEC, or pursue an alternate approach.
5. Prohibit the office of technology services from acquiring any ownership rights or interest in data shared pursuant to the LSDEC.
6. Require each participating agency to retain the ownership rights of any data in its custody and control regardless of the data source.
7. Require rules to be promulgated by the office of technology services and submitted to the committee for approval prior to adoption and implementation.
8. Make technical changes.