

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 487

BY SENATOR APPEL

LOCAL AGENCIES. Authorizes investigative powers to the Jefferson Parish Inspector General's Office relative to the Jefferson Parish School Board. (8/1/18)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9613(D)(4), relative to Jefferson Parish; to authorize the office of the inspector general for the parish of Jefferson to examine, review, audit, inspect, and investigate the records of the Jefferson Parish School Board; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:9613(D)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§9613. Investigative powers

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(4) For the purposes of this Section, in the parish of Jefferson these entities shall also include the Jefferson Parish School Board. This inclusion shall in no way alter duties and entities covered by the State Inspector General as defined in R.S. 49:220.21(A).

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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Present law provides for the following:

- (1) A local ethics entity, ethics review board, or office of inspector general shall have the authority to examine, review, audit, inspect, and investigate the records, books, reports, documents, papers, correspondence, accounts, audits, inspections, reviews, recommendations, plans, films, tapes, pictures, computer hard drives, software data, hardware data, emails, instant messages, text messages, and any other data and material relevant to any matter under audit, investigation, inspection, or performance review of all entities of the local governmental subdivision or entities receiving funds through or for the benefit of the local governmental subdivision.
- (2) For the purposes of present law, these entities include but are not limited to every local governmental subdivision officer, employee, elected official, department, agency, board, commission, public benefit corporation, quasi public agency or body, contractor, subcontractor, licensee of the local governmental subdivision, and every applicant for certification of eligibility for a municipal contract or program.
- (3) These entities also include all local governmental subdivision governing authorities, all districts, boards, and commissions created by local governmental subdivision governing authorities either independently or in conjunction with other units of government, and all independently elected parish public officials whose offices receive funds from the municipality.

Proposed law retains present law and also includes the Jefferson Parish School Board as an entity that a local ethics entity, ethics review board, or office of inspector general has the authority to examine, review, audit, inspect, and investigate.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 33:9613(D)(4))