

SENATE BILL NO. 171

BY SENATOR HEWITT

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:23.2 and to repeal Chapter 21 of Title 49 of the Louisiana
3 Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:1401, relative to reports required of
4 executive branch agencies; to provide relative to certain reports by certain licensing
5 boards and commissions; to provide relative to certain notifications; to provide
6 relative to expirations of certain mandated reports; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:23.2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §23.2. Legislative report requirements; notification requirements

10 A.(1) Each board or commission authorized to issue a license, permit, or
11 certificate under this Title shall submit quarterly reports to the appropriate legislative
12 oversight committees and to the ~~House Committee on House and Governmental~~
13 ~~Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs~~ **legislative**
14 **auditor**. The reports required by this Subsection shall contain:

15 (a) The number of complaints received regarding board actions or
16 procedures.

17 (b) A summary of each such complaint and the disposition of each
18 complaint.

19 (2) If any of the information required to be submitted pursuant to Paragraph
20 (1) of this Subsection contains confidential, personally identifiable, or otherwise
21 sensitive information, the board or commission shall clearly mark such information
22 as confidential, personally identifiable, or sensitive information and the legislative
23 committees, members, **officers**, and employees having access to the identified
24 information shall not publicly disclose the information and shall protect the
25 information from unauthorized use and disclosure.

1 B.(1) Each board or commission authorized to issue a license, permit, or
 2 certificate under this Title shall give notice to each applicant and licensee in or with
 3 each correspondence from the board or commission that the applicant or licensee
 4 may submit complaints about actions or procedures of the board or commission to
 5 the board or commission or directly to the ~~House Committee on House and~~
 6 ~~Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental~~
 7 ~~Affairs~~ **legislative auditor**.

8 (2) Each board or commission authorized to issue a license, permit, or
 9 certificate under this Title shall post a notice of the ability to submit complaints
 10 about the actions or procedures of the board or commission to the board or
 11 commission or to the ~~House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the~~
 12 ~~Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs~~ **legislative auditor** in a
 13 conspicuous place on the website of the board or commission.

14 (3) Each notice required by this Subsection shall contain at a minimum the
 15 mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the board or commission
 16 and the mailing address, email address, and telephone number of ~~each legislative~~
 17 ~~committee listed in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection~~ **the legislative auditor**.

18 Section 2. Chapter 21 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
 19 comprised of R.S. 49:1401, is hereby repealed.

20 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2019; if vetoed by the
 21 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
 22 June 30, 2019, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

VETO MESSAGE

"Please be advised that I have vetoed Senate Bill 171 of the 2019 Regular Session. Senate Bill 171 would repeal provisions of law enacted in the 2018 Regular Session that established a five-year sunset on reports required to be submitted by executive branch agencies to the legislature. Each standing committee is authorized to extend the sunset for individual reports in its discretion.

Agencies are required to submit hundreds of reports to the legislature annually, many of which are required by legislation enacted many years ago that no longer serve a useful purpose. However, state employees and agencies continue to expend both time and money to prepare these reports. Allowing the reporting requirements to sunset unless reauthorized will create efficiencies within executive branch agencies that will allow our limited resources to be utilized elsewhere."