

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 244 (HB 550)

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Existing law (R.S. 44:1 et seq.—Public Records Law) provides for access and retention of public records. Establishes a framework for the ready availability of public records to requesting persons.

Existing law (R.S. 17:407.28) provides for the transition of lead agency authority from the Dept. of Children and Family Services to the state Dept. of Education (DOE) for the Child Care Development Fund and authorizes DOE to accept and direct disbursement of funds appropriated by congress and apportioned to the state for use in connection with any Child Care and Development Fund programs. Existing law (R.S. 17:407.30) provides for the administration of the fund. Provides that monies in the fund shall be used for the purpose of funding early childhood care and education slots through the Child Care Assistance Program.

New law provides that the identity of a person making a complaint about fraud in the Child Care Assistance Program shall be confidential and shall not be subject to existing law (Public Records Law).

Existing law (R.S. 17:407.31 et seq.) provides for a licensing program for early learning centers administered by DOE.

Existing law (R.S. 17:407.47) requires DOE to report all complaints, including complaints alleging child abuse or the prevention or spread of communicable diseases, against an early learning center to the appropriate agencies for investigation and disposition.

New law provides that the identity of a person making a complaint against an early learning center shall be confidential and shall not be subject to existing law (Public Records Law).

Existing law (R.S. 17:407.61 et seq.) requires family child care providers and in-home providers to be registered if they directly or indirectly receive state or federal funds related to the child care provided. Provides for penalties.

Existing law (R.S. 17:407.65) authorizes DOE to visit and inspect registered family child care providers and in-home providers. Existing law (R.S. 17:407.67) authorizes the department to deny, revoke, or refuse to renew a registration of a registered family child care provider or in-home provider if an applicant has failed to comply with the provisions of existing law, any applicable published rule or regulation relating to registered family child care providers or in-home providers, or any other state, federal, or local rule or regulation.

New law provides that the identity of a person making a complaint against a family child care or in-home provider shall be confidential and shall not be subject to existing law (Public Records Law).

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 17:407.47 and 407.65 and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9); Adds R.S. 17:407.28(E))