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Abstract: Provides relative to the transfer of student school disciplinary records and access to juvenile court records by school personnel.

Present law requires the principal of any public school to provide for the transfer of the education records of any current or former student at his school upon the written request of any authorized person on behalf of a public school, nonpublic school, or educational facility within a correctional or health facility where the student is enrolled or seeking enrollment. Requires records to include the date of, and reason for, any suspension or expulsion. Proposed law broadens this requirement to apply to the student's full disciplinary record, not just suspensions and expulsions.

Present law generally provides for the confidentiality of juvenile court records. Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law, if such records are made accessible through a statewide database, including but not limited to the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System provided for in present law, the principal at each public and nonpublic school may access such records for a student enrolled at the school or seeking to enroll in the school without a court order. Allows the local public school superintendent or person holding the equivalent position for a nonpublic school to designate another administrator in lieu of the principal. Provides that if there is no person in such a position for a nonpublic school, the principal may designate another administrator. Subjects school personnel to any laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the confidentiality and disclosure of such records once accessed.

(Amends R.S. 17:112(B); Adds R.S. 17:112.1)