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Seabaugh HB No. 129

Abstract: Allows the La. Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions to receive criminal background information on bar exam applicants.

Present law creates, within DPS&C, the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information which has the responsibility for establishing and maintaining a central repository of criminal history records. Present law requires the bureau to release such information, upon request and as the deputy secretary of DPS&C designates, to any eligible criminal justice agency, DHH, DCFS, the Dept. of Insurance, the La. State Racing Commission, the Senate and governmental affairs committee, the executive director of the La. Workforce Commission or his designee, the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners, the Office of Financial Institutions in the office of the governor, the office of the disciplinary counsel of the La. Attorney Disciplinary Board, and the municipal or parish department or personnel responsible for reviewing applications for alcoholic beverage outlet permits, and the legislative auditor.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the La. Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions as an entity to which such information shall be given.

Proposed law further provides that the bureau may charge a reasonable fee for processing the criminal history information.

(Amends R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(g))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Retained language authorizing the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information to charge a reasonable fee for providing criminal history information, but removed provisions requiring the bureau to charge the fee to the committee.