HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 129 by Representative Seabaugh

CRIMINAL/RECORDS: Provides the La. Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions with access to criminal history information of bar examination applicants

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Deletes provision allowing the bureau to charge a reasonable fee for conducting the background checks and requires the bureau to charge the fee provided in present law, which is $26.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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.

Present law authorizes the bureau to charge a processing fee of $26 for information provided to any agency statutorily eligible to receive the information pursuant to a request to assist the agency in performing a screening function as part of any regulatory or licensing scheme. Provides that payment of the processing fee shall accompany the request for such information and shall be deposited by the bureau immediately up receipt into the Criminal Identification and Information Fund.

Proposed law provides that bureau shall charge the processing fee as provided in present law for the conducting and reporting on the background checks.

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