

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 127

BY SENATOR MARTINY

JUVENILE JUSTICE. Provides for the confidentiality of juvenile records. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Children's Code Article 412(L), relative to records; to provide relative to the  
3 confidentiality of certain records; to provide for the custodian of the records; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Article 412(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 Art. 412. Confidentiality of records; disclosure exceptions; sanctions

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9 **L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, when a child**  
10 **is adjudicated delinquent for a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B) and**  
11 **the child was at least fourteen years old at the time of the commission of the**  
12 **delinquent act, all records and reports relating to such crime of violence,**  
13 **including arrest reports and adjudication information, shall be open and**  
14 **available to the public.**

15 **(2) All medical, psychiatric, and psychological evaluations shall remain**  
16 **confidential. The custodian of the records shall excise any information relating**  
17 **to any other child contained in the records made public.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

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DIGEST

Proposed law provides that, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any records or reports, including arrest reports and adjudication information relating to a child shall be open and available to the public if the child is adjudicated a delinquent of a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) and the child was at least fourteen years of age at the time of the commission of the delinquent act.

Proposed law requires that all medical, psychiatric, and psychological evaluations remain confidential along with any information in the records and reports relating to any other child.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds Ch.C. Art. 412(L))