

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 529

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: Relative to municipal, parish, and state governmental entities, provides for conditions pertaining to security for the issuance of permits for outdoor events and the release of certain surveillance video

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(21) and (35) and to enact R.S. 33:9683 and 9684, R.S.
3 40:1300.14, and Chapter 23 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
4 to be comprised of R.S. 49:1601, relative to public safety; to provide for the issuance
5 of permits for outdoor events by governmental entities; to provide for the release of
6 certain surveillance video by governmental entities; to provide with respect to
7 penalties relative to such release; to provide for a public records exception for such
8 video; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:9683 and 9684 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §9683. Permits; outdoor events

12 A. No municipal or parish governmental entity shall issue a permit for any
13 outdoor event unless the following conditions are met:

14 (1) The permit applicant submits a master plan for the event describing the
15 physical parameters of the event, the estimated maximum number of persons
16 expected to attend the event, and a designation of where law enforcement officers or
17 other security will be located at the event.

Proposed law prohibits any municipal, parish, or state governmental entity from issuing a permit for any outdoor event unless the following conditions are met:

- (1) The permit applicant submits a master plan for the event describing the physical parameters of the event, the estimated maximum number of persons expected to attend the event, and a designation of where law enforcement officers or other security will be located at the event.
- (2) The plan is approved by the law enforcement agency providing security for the event or, in the case of private security staffing the event, the plan is approved by the local sheriff.

Proposed law authorizes law enforcement officials to terminate any event that is not in compliance with proposed law or the approved master plan.

Proposed law prohibits any municipal, parish, or state governmental entity from releasing surveillance video of any violent act captured on a security system maintained by the entity excepted as directed by a court order or subpoena. Provides that an entity found in violation of proposed law is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 that shall be payable to the victim of the violent act.

Present law provides generally for public records and establishes a framework for the ready availability of public records to requesting persons and specifically provides that it is the duty of the custodian of the public records of a public entity or agency to provide copies to persons so requesting. Provides for certain exceptions, exemptions, and limitations. Proposed law further exempts surveillance video on systems maintained by governmental entities that capture violent acts as provided for in proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(21) and (35); Adds R.S. 33:9683 and 9684, R.S. 40:1300.14, and R.S. 49:1601)