

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 445

2025 Regular Session

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CRIMINAL/RECORDS: Provides relative to juvenile records

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Requires annual reporting to the legislature and provides for information contained within such written reports.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 412) relative to confidentiality of juvenile records, provides that records and reports concerning all matters or proceedings before the juvenile court, except traffic violations, are confidential and shall not be disclosed except as expressly authorized by present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 412(M)) provides that records of juvenile criminal conduct shall not be made a part of any state or local criminal background check.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that records of juvenile criminal conduct shall not be disseminated as a criminal background check to anyone outside of the criminal justice system as defined in present law (R.S. 15:576(5)).

Proposed law shall not prohibit the creation of an interoperable set of criminal justice information systems at the state and local levels pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:575 et seq.) or preclude the dissemination of criminal history record information as defined in present law (R.S. 15:576(2)) in and to the criminal justice system as defined in present law (R.S. 15:576(5)).

Present law (R.S. 15:576) provides for definitions relative to the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law (R.S. 15:576(2)) defines the terms "criminal history record" or "criminal history record information" and further specifies that these terms do not include intelligence or investigatory purposes, nor any identification information which does not indicate involvement of the individual in the criminal justice system, or records of juvenile criminal conduct.

Proposed law amends present law to remove the reference to records of juvenile criminal conduct as information that is not included within the terms "criminal history record" or "criminal history record information".

Present law (R.S. 15:579) provides for rules and regulations of the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

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Proposed law amends present law to provide that records of juvenile criminal conduct shall not be disseminated as a criminal background check to anyone outside of the criminal justice system as defined in present law (R.S. 15:576(5)).

Proposed law provides that any information on juvenile criminal conduct obtained by the bureau under present law shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of present law (Ch.C. Arts. 412, 414, and 917-926) and shall be made available pursuant to such provisions.

Proposed law requires the bureau to submit a written report to the legislature, no later than Jan. 31st of each year, to the Senate president, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairman of the Senate Committee for Judiciary C, and the chairman of the House Committee for the Administration of Criminal Justice.

Proposed law provides for information that shall be included in the annual report.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 412(M) and R.S. 15:576(2) and 579; Adds Ch.C. Art. 412(P) and R.S. 15:589.1)