

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (Public Records Law) generally provides that any person of the age of majority may inspect, copy, or reproduce any public record, and places certain duties on the custodian of a public record to make such records available upon request.

Existing law (R.S. 44:4) provides certain exceptions to the Public Records Law.

New law provides an exception for the record of arrests and prosecutions, also known as the "rap sheet", contained in the criminal history records of any person who serves as a witness in a criminal proceeding and the records are in the custody of the clerk of court, unless the records are voluntarily released by the person, otherwise available to the general public, or released by court order.

Existing law defines "criminal history records".

New law applies the existing law definition to new law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 44:4(65))