

ACT No. 24

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 204

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:587.1(J), relative to providing of information to protect
3 children; to provide relative to the criminal history record information requested by
4 and provided to a Court Appointed Special Advocate program; to provide relative
5 to the duty of the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information with
6 respect to federal criminal history record information; to provide relative to the
7 program's authority to receive federal criminal history record information; and to
8 provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 15:587.1(J) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §587.1. Provision of information to protect children

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13 J.(1) Any Court Appointed Special Advocate program as defined in
14 Children's Code Article 116(2.1) shall be entitled to information from the bureau to
15 ascertain whether a person being considered for involvement with the CASA
16 program has been arrested for, or convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to,
17 any criminal offense. The bureau shall, upon request and after receipt of fingerprint
18 cards or other identifying information from the CASA program, survey its criminal
19 history records and identification files. ~~The Court Appointed Special Advocate~~
20 ~~program may request the bureau to make a simultaneous request of the Federal~~
21 ~~Bureau of Investigation for like information from other jurisdictions.~~ The Louisiana
22 ~~Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information~~ bureau shall provide a report

1 promptly and in writing, but provide only such information as is necessary to specify
 2 whether or not that person has been arrested for or convicted of or pled guilty or nolo
 3 contendere to any crime or crimes, the crime or crimes of which he has been arrested
 4 for or convicted or to which he has pled guilty or nolo contendere, and the date or
 5 dates on which they occurred. The report provided pursuant to the provisions of this
 6 Subsection shall include arrests, convictions, or other dispositions, including
 7 convictions dismissed pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893 and 894.

8 (2) When a criminal history records check is requested pursuant to this
 9 Subsection, in addition to the requirements set forth in Paragraph (1) of this
 10 Subsection, the bureau shall forward the fingerprints of the individual who is the
 11 subject of the inquiry to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal
 12 history records check and shall provide the CASA program with the national
 13 criminal history record information of the individual who is the subject of the
 14 inquiry.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____