

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 44:1 et seq. – Public Records Law) provides that all books, records, writings, accounts, letters and letter books, maps, drawings, photographs, cards, tapes, recordings, memoranda, and papers, and all copies, duplicates, photographs, including microfilm, or other reproductions thereof, or any other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, including information contained in electronic data processing equipment, having been used, being in use, or prepared, possessed, or retained for use in the conduct, transaction, or performance of any business, transaction, work, duty, or function which was conducted, transacted, or performed by or under the authority of the constitution or laws of the state, or by or under the authority of any ordinance, regulation, mandate, or order of any public body or concerning the receipt or payment of any money received or paid by or under the authority of the constitution or the laws of the state are "public records". Existing law 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.

New law provides that blueprints, floor plans, and renderings of the interior of an airport facility or of a facility on airport property and blueprints, plans, or renderings of airport infrastructure are confidential and provides that nothing in the Public Records Law shall require the inspection, examination, copying, or reproduction of such records.

New law specifies that it does not prohibit the disclosure of a blueprint, floor plan, or other rendering of the interior of an airport facility or of a facility on airport property or a blueprint, plan, or rendering of airport infrastructure to appropriate persons, if such disclosure is necessary or required (a) to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; (b) to provide or procure security, services, or concessions in and around the airport and its facilities; (c) to use as part of a public bid or request for proposal process or to accomplish construction, maintenance, repairs, or development; or (d) to facilitate interactions with federal, state, or local governmental entities.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 11, 2021).

(Adds R.S. 44:3.6)