

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 181 (HB 412)**

**2023 Regular Session**

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New law establishes the Imagination Library of La. to develop, implement, promote, and foster an initiative for encouraging children from birth to five years to develop a love of reading and learning. Provides for administration of the program by the La. Educational Television Authority (LETA). Subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature, requires LETA to promote the statewide development of local programs; advance and strengthen local programs with the goal of increasing enrollment; develop community engagement and a public awareness campaign; receive monies appropriated to it for program administration; administer any local match requirements, which may be waived on a case-by-case basis, and coordinate the collection and remittance of local program costs; and provide an annual program report to the governor and legislature.

New law authorizes LETA to work collaboratively with an organization that provides age-appropriate books to children ages birth to five years old on a monthly basis in implementing the program and creates the Imagination Library of La. Fund within the state treasury for the purpose of funding the program.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 8, 2023).

(Adds R.S. 17:2508)