

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 161

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONTRACTORS. Provides for non-governmental agencies to receive background checks on contractors within the volunteer and employee criminal history system. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:587.7(A)(3)(c), relative to a volunteer and employee criminal history

3 system; to provide for the definition of individuals; to provide for contractors of

4 qualified entities; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:587.7(A)(3)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §587.7. Volunteer and employee criminal history system

8 A. The Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information shall

9 implement a volunteer and employee criminal history system to allow qualified

10 entities to access state and federal criminal history records on certain individuals in

11 the absence of specific statutory provisions regarding access to criminal history

12 record information. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall

13 apply:

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15 (3) "Individual" means a person who has, seeks to have, or may have access

16 to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, served by a qualified entity

17 who meets either of the following requirements:

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2 **(c) Is a contractor with, or seeks to be a contractor with, a qualified**
3 **entity.**
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Xavier I. Alexander.

DIGEST

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Present law allows certain businesses and organizations that provide care to children, elderly, or individuals with disabilities to register with the bureau to obtain a state and federal criminal history report on individuals who have or seek to have access to those children, elderly, or individuals with disabilities, to determine their suitability to be providing care to those persons.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law defines an "individual" as a person who has, seeks to have, or may have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, served by a qualified entity as (1) a person employed by or volunteers with, or seeks to be employed by or volunteer with, a qualified entity or (2) a person who owns or operates, or seeks to own or operate, a qualified entity.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a person who contracts with, or seeks to contract with, a qualified entity to the definition of "individual".

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 15:587.7(A)(3)(c))