

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 58

BY SENATOR MORRELL

CRIMINAL RECORDS. Prohibits the use of public funds to disseminate the criminal history of a murder victim in Orleans Parish. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 33:2934, relative to the expenditure of public funds; to prohibit the
3 expenditure of public funds to disseminate the criminal history of a murder victim
4 in the parish of Orleans; to provide exceptions; to provide for civil fines; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:2934 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§2934. Prohibition of the expenditure of public funds; Orleans Parish**

10 **A. No public funds shall be expended to disseminate any criminal**
11 **history of a murder victim in the parish of Orleans, except when both of the**
12 **following conditions are met:**

13 **(1) When such criminal history is directly related to the investigation of**
14 **such murder.**

15 **(2) When the person releasing such criminal history publicly states why**
16 **such information is necessary.**

17 **B. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject**

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to a civil fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

Proposed law prohibits the expenditure of public funds to disseminate any criminal history of a murder victim in Orleans Parish. Proposed law provides an exception when both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) When such criminal history is directly related to the investigation of such murder.
- (2) When the person releasing such criminal history publicly states why such information is necessary.

Proposed law provides that any person who violates the provisions of proposed law shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than \$500.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 33:2934)