

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 571

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

PUBLIC DEFENDER. Requires the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information to make certain records available to public defenders. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(a), relative to public defenders; to require the
3 Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information to release criminal
4 history records and identification files to public defenders; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8 §587. Duty to provide information; processing fees; Louisiana Bureau of Criminal
9 Identification and Information

10 A.(1)(a) The bureau shall make available upon request, or at such other times
11 as the deputy secretary shall designate, to any eligible criminal justice agency and
12 the Department of Health and Hospitals, the state fire marshal when reviewing
13 applications for licensure, the Department of Children and Family Services, the
14 Department of Insurance, the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the Senate and
15 Governmental Affairs Committee, the executive director of the Louisiana Workforce
16 Commission or his designee, the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners, the
17 Office of Financial Institutions in the office of the governor, the office of the

1 disciplinary counsel of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board of the Louisiana
2 State Bar Association; however, as to any licensed attorney such information shall
3 be provided only after the issuance of a formal charge against the attorney, the
4 Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions, the municipal or parish
5 department or personnel responsible for reviewing applications for alcoholic
6 beverage outlet permits, **investigative units of a district public defender office**, and
7 the legislative auditor any information contained in the criminal history record and
8 identification files of the bureau. The Department of Children and Family Services
9 may provide information secured pursuant to this Subsection to all federal and state
10 agencies providing child support enforcement services.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

DIGEST

Walsworth (SB 571)

Present law requires the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information to make available to certain entities any information contained in the criminal history record and identification files of the bureau.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires the bureau to make available any information contained in the criminal history record and identification files of the bureau to investigative units of a district public defender office.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(a))