## DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to Medicaid reimbursement for home- and community-based services.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information (bureau) to provide the conviction records of an applicant seeking employment if the applicant has signed a consent form authorizing the employer to obtain the conviction records. Further authorizes the bureau to collect a processing fee of \$26 to provide the information.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but requires the full processing fee for any criminal history information provided relative to an applicant for employment by a home- and community-based services provider to be transferred to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and used by the department to obtain federal matching funds to enhance Medicaid reimbursement for home-and community-based services.

<u>Proposed law</u> further requires DHH, after complying with the provisions of <u>proposed law</u>, to transfer to the bureau an amount equal to the total amount of the processing fees originally transferred.

The transfer and use of any processing fees pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> shall be subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(Amends R.S. 15:587(B)(1) and (F)(1); Adds R.S. 15:587(I))