

which prohibits release of such information to an outside source.

- (2) Information contained in applications for assistance and case records that are furnished to law enforcement agencies or courts to aid in prosecution of criminal offenses related to any program.

Proposed law provides that the department may release information to other state agencies that are engaged in rendering services or treatment to a department program recipient or former recipient. Further provides that the agency receiving the information shall be bound by the same confidentiality standard as provided for in proposed law.

Proposed law provides that any person who knowingly and willfully violates any of the provisions of proposed law shall be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than two years in the parish jail, or both, nor less than \$500 or 90 days on each count.

Proposed law provides that client case records shall be admissible in a hearing before the State Civil Service Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and any office in the Louisiana Workforce Commission in its capacity of administering the Louisiana Employment Security Law, wherein the work performance or conduct shall be admissible. Further provides that names and other identifying data be obliterated, except in the case of discipline resulting from allegations made by the guardian, parent, family members, or tutor of the client.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:407.29)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Makes penalties contingent upon knowing and willful violation of proposed law.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Removes requirement that the department inform certain persons of their investigation of a public or private early learning center, registered family child care home, or in-home provider.
2. Makes technical amendments.