The original instrument was prepared by Christine Arbo Peck. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

SB 459 Reengrossed 2018 Regular Session Barrow

Present law provides that certain information regarding child welfare shall not be released to applicants, recipients, or outside sources. Proposed law retains present law and provides for exceptions to allow certain information to be released when a former foster child or his legal tutor consent. Proposed law adds a provider of treatment or services, or one who is reviewing past services, as a party authorized to receive information from a case record.

Proposed law provides for the release of certain information for the purpose of education and training of foster youth and former foster youth, to the extent allowed by federal law, but prohibits the release of information that includes the identity of the birth parents or birth siblings or any information regarding the identity of the reporter in the case of abuse or neglect.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:56(F)(intro para) and (7)(a); adds R.S. 46:56(F)(7)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Allows the release of certain information for the purposes of educating and training foster youths.