

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information (bureau) to cooperate with the U.S. Dept. of Justice and other federal criminal justice agencies and with similar agencies in other states and cities toward developing a comprehensive state, interstate, national, and international system of criminal information, identification, investigation, records, and statistics.

New law retains existing law and adopts and ratifies the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Act of 1998 (compact) which establishes an electronic information sharing system among the federal government and the states to exchange criminal history record information for noncriminal justice purposes authorized by federal or state law, such as background checks for governmental licensing and employment, immigration and naturalization matters, and national security clearances.

Under the compact, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the participating states agree to maintain detailed databases of their respective criminal history record information, including arrests and dispositions, and to make them available to the federal government and to the participating states for purposes authorized by law.

New law provides for the following with regard to the ratification of the compact:

- (1) The compact shall remain in effect in this state until legislation is enacted renouncing the compact.
- (2) The bureau shall execute, administer, and implement the compact on behalf of the state and may adopt necessary rules, regulations, and procedures for the national exchange of criminal history records for noncriminal justice purposes.
- (3) Ratification of the compact does not affect the obligations and responsibilities of the bureau regarding the dissemination of criminal history record information within the state pursuant to existing law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 15:584)