

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 7 (HB 123)

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Existing law (R.S. 44:1 et seq.—Public Records Law) provides that all books, records, writings, accounts, letters and letter books, maps, drawings, photographs, cards, tapes, recordings, memoranda, and papers, and all copies, duplicates, photographs, including microfilm, or other reproductions thereof, or any other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, having been used, being in use, or prepared, possessed, or retained for use in the conduct, transaction, or performance of any business, transaction, work, duty, or function which was conducted, transacted, or performed by or under the authority of the constitution or laws of the state, or by or under the authority of any ordinance, regulation, mandate, or order of any public body, or concerning the receipt or payment of any money received or paid by or under the authority of the constitution or the laws of the state are "public records". Establishes a framework for the ready availability of public records to requesting persons and specifically provides that it is the duty of the custodian of the public records of a public entity or agency to provide copies to persons so requesting. Provides for certain exceptions, exemptions, and limitations.

Existing law exempts from the Public Records Law information received by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries relative to the shipment of alligators or alligator skins. New law additionally exempts from the Public Records Law information related to activities associated with the egg collection, stocking, captive breeding, or farming inventory of alligators. Existing law provides that aggregate, statistical reports that do not reveal individual sources of information may be released to the public by the secretary of the department.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 44:4(45))