
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the criminal history record information provided to a CASA program by the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information to include national criminal history record information provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Present law provides that a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program is entitled to information from the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information to ascertain whether a person being considered for involvement with the CASA program has been arrested for, or convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, any criminal offense.

Present law further provides that the bureau shall, upon request and after receipt of fingerprint cards or other identifying information from the CASA program, survey its criminal history records and identification files and provide a report promptly and in writing, providing only such information as is necessary to specify whether or not that person has been arrested for or convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any crime or crimes, the crime or crimes of which he has been arrested for or convicted or to which he has pled guilty or nolo contendere, and the date or dates on which they occurred.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the CASA program may request the bureau to make a simultaneous request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for similar criminal history information from other jurisdictions.

Proposed law amends present law to provide when a criminal history records check is requested by a CASA program pursuant to present law, the bureau shall also forward the fingerprints of the individual who is the subject of the inquiry to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records check and shall provide the CASA program with the national criminal history record information of the individual who is the subject of the inquiry.

(Amends R.S. 15:587.1(J))