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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to  
Original Senate Bill No. 482 by Senator Cloud

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(A),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 6, after "policies;" and before "and" insert "to provide for legislative intent;"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, line 8, after "Section 1" and before "R.S. 44:4(64)" insert "R.S. 44:4.1(A) is  
7 hereby amended and reenacted and"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert:

10 "A.(1) The legislature recognizes that it is essential to the operation of a  
11 democratic government that the people be made aware of all exceptions, exemptions,  
12 and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records. In order to foster the people's  
13 awareness, the legislature declares that all exceptions, exemptions, and limitations  
14 to the laws pertaining to public records shall be provided for in this Chapter or the  
15 Constitution of Louisiana. Any exception, exemption, and limitation to the laws  
16 pertaining to public records not provided for in this Chapter or in the Constitution  
17 of Louisiana shall have no effect.

18 **(2) The legislature further recognizes that protecting elements of the**  
19 **deliberative process safeguards the process through which government**  
20 **decisions and policies are shaped and formulated and that this privilege has**  
21 **long been acknowledged and upheld by the United State Supreme Court and**  
22 **various federal and state courts. This privilege fosters open communication**  
23 **within government agencies by allowing public servants to provide uninhibited**  
24 **opinions and recommendations without fear of public ridicule or criticism and**  
25 **guards against public confusion by preventing the premature disclosure of**  
26 **proposed policies before they have been finally formulated or adopted.**"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 5

28 On page 2, at the end of line 2, insert: "**No provision of this Section shall be construed to**  
29 **deny a person the right to observe deliberations of public bodies as defined by the Open**  
30 **Meetings Law. The deliberative process privilege shall not be invoked by a public body**  
31 **as a means to deliberate through any meeting of a quorum of the public body or**  
32 **otherwise violate the provisions of the Open Meetings Law.**"  
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