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## DIGEST

SB 482 Engrossed

2024 Regular Session

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Proposed law provides that the public records law does not apply to records in the office of the governor pertaining to the governor or that of the governor's wife or children which contains security details that if made public may impair the safety of the governor, his spouse, or his child.

Proposed law provides that the legislature recognizes that protecting elements of the deliberative process safeguards the process through which government decisions and policies are shaped and formulated and that this privilege has been acknowledged by the United States Supreme Court and various federal and state courts.

Proposed law further provides that deliberative process privilege fosters open communication by allowing public servants to provide uninhibited opinions and recommendations without fear of public ridicule or criticism and guards against public confusion.

Proposed law provides as an exception to the public records law for any records reflecting advisory opinions, recommendations and deliberations comprising part of a process by which governmental decisions and policies are formulated.

Proposed law provides that no provision of proposed law allows for the denial of the right of a person to observe deliberations of public bodies or as a means to circumvent the Open Meetings Law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 44:44.1(A); adds R.S. 44:4(64) and 4.1(E); repeals R.S. 44:5(B)(4))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

#### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide for legislative intent.