

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVE HONORE AND SENATOR BROOME

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:587(H), relative to criminal background checks; to authorize the Volunteer
3 Louisiana Commission and the recipient of any AmeriCorps funds administered by
4 the Volunteer Louisiana Commission to obtain criminal history record and
5 identification files for certain applicants; to provide for the procedure by which such
6 information is obtained; to provide for the cost of obtaining such information; to
7 provide relative to the confidentiality of such information; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 15:587(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §587. Duty to provide information; processing fees; Louisiana Bureau of Criminal
12 Identification and Information

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14 H.(1) The Volunteer Louisiana Commission and the recipient of any federal
15 AmeriCorps funds administered by the Volunteer Louisiana Commission shall be
16 entitled to the criminal history record and identification files maintained by the
17 bureau for any applicant seeking to serve in a program that receives assistance under
18 the national service laws to determine whether the applicant meets the eligibility
19 requirements set forth in the Serve America Act, Public Law 111-13, and any
20 associated federal regulations.

21 (2) In addition to the information provided for in Paragraph (1) of this
22 Subsection, the Volunteer Louisiana Commission shall be entitled to any national
23 criminal history information maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for

1 any applicant seeking to serve in a program that receives assistance under the
2 national service laws.

3 (3)(a) Upon receiving a written request, which shall include fingerprint cards
4 or other identifying information for the applicant and a consent form signed by the
5 applicant authorizing the criminal background check, the bureau shall survey its
6 criminal history records and identification files.

7 (b) If requested by the Volunteer Louisiana Commission pursuant to
8 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the bureau shall make a simultaneous request of the
9 Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

10 (4) The bureau shall present the requested information promptly and in
11 writing to the requesting entity and shall charge the requesting entity the cost of
12 providing such information pursuant to Subsection B of this Section.

13 (5) The requesting entity shall maintain the confidentiality of the information
14 received in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____