

SENATE BILL NO. 33

BY SENATOR BROWN

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

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:31 and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11), relative to the division of minority  
3 affairs; to authorize a survey relative to the hiring practices of insurance companies;  
4 to provide for applicability of public records exemptions to the survey; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:31 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §31. Division of minority affairs

9 A. There is hereby created within the Department of Insurance a division of  
10 minority affairs which shall have the following functions and duties:

11 (1) To assist in coordinating the activities of the Advisory Committee on  
12 Equal Opportunity.

13 (2) To maintain a list of a contact person within each insurance company  
14 transacting business in this state who is specifically charged with a duty by the  
15 company to respond to inquiries from members of minority groups regarding  
16 opportunities for employment, appointment as producers, and contracting for  
17 services with insurance companies.

18 (3) In cooperation with insurance companies transacting business in the state,  
19 to establish educational and informational services to foster a greater awareness of  
20 the opportunities available in the insurance industry and of the skills, training, and  
21 education necessary to prepare for opportunities in employment, appointment as  
22 producers, and contracting for services with insurance companies.

23 (4) To assist members of minority groups in obtaining employment, producer  
24 or agency contracts, and contracting for services with insurance companies

1 transacting business in Louisiana.

2 (5) To submit an annual report by April first of each year to the House and  
 3 Senate insurance committees relative to educational and informational services made  
 4 available to minorities, the number and types of inquiries, and all available relevant  
 5 information from applicants and producers.

6 (6)(a) To develop a pilot program ~~which~~ **that** seeks to address the needs and  
 7 concerns of minority and women producers in this state. The pilot program, at a  
 8 minimum, shall provide training for producers in all areas of agency management,  
 9 training and education for agency personnel, and automation support for the  
 10 producers in the pilot program. The commissioner of insurance may adopt rules and  
 11 regulations necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this ~~Section~~  
 12 **Subsection.**

13 (b) This Paragraph shall not apply to producers who exclusively sell  
 14 insurance for one company or a group of companies under common management  
 15 ~~which~~ **that** already has a training program in place for all producers.

16 **B. The division of minority affairs may conduct a survey of insurance**  
 17 **companies doing business in Louisiana in order to seek information and data**  
 18 **relative to the policies and practices of hiring of and contracting with**  
 19 **minorities. The survey, data, and responses thereto shall not be a public record**  
 20 **as defined by the Public Records Law and shall be exempt from disclosure,**  
 21 **except, such exemption shall not apply with respect to the aggregated number**  
 22 **of minorities hired and the positions for which they were hired.**

23 Section 2. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

24 §4.1. Exceptions

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26 B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions,  
 27 and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised  
 28 statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and  
 29 limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by

1 citation:

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3 (11) R.S. 22:2, 14, **31(B)**, 42.1, 88, 244, 461, 572, 572.1, 574, 618, ~~706~~, 732,  
4 752, 771, 1203, 1460, 1466, 1546, 1644, 1656, 1723, 1927, 1929, 1983, 1984, 2036,  
5 2303

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_