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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the provision of criminal history information for certain personnel of early learning centers to the Dept. of Education.

Present law (R.S. 17:407.42) prohibits any person who has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to certain crimes including sex crimes and crimes against children from directly or indirectly owning, operating, or participating in the governance of an early learning center, or being hired by an early learning center as a volunteer or employee of any kind, or being hired by the Dept. of Education (DOE) in a position whose duties include the performance of licensing inspections in early learning centers.

Present law further requires BESE to establish by regulation, requirements, and procedures consistent with the provisions of present law under which the owner or operator of an early learning center may request information concerning whether or not any owner or volunteer, applicant, or employee of any kind, including contractors, of an early learning center has been arrested for or convicted of or pled nolo contendere to any criminal offense.

Proposed law changes requirement by authorizing DOE, rather than the owner or operator of an early learning center, to request criminal history information of certain personnel; otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:587.1(B)(1) and (C)(intro. para.) and R.S. 17:407.42(B)(1)(a))