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Abstract: Authorizes limited disclosure of telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, online screen names, static internet protocol addresses, and other online identities associated with a person who is required to register as a sex offender.

Present law provides for the registration and notification of sex offenders and requires that a sex offender submit to law enforcement every e-mail address, online screen name, or other online identifiers used by the offender to communicate on the internet.

Proposed law provides that if the offender uses a "static internet protocol address", he shall also provide that address to the appropriate law enforcement agency prior to its use. Further defines "static internet protocol address".

Present law prohibits public access to certain information contained in the State Sex Offender and Child Predator Registry including any telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, online screen names, or other online identities associated with a registering sex offender.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes limited disclosure of such information to any person or entity who requests such information for the purpose of identifying or monitoring a registered user associated with the telephone number, e-mail address, online screen name, static internet protocol address, or other online identity. Proposed law prohibits disclosure of such information for any other purpose.

Proposed law prohibits disclosure of the name or other identifying information of the sex offender that is associated with, or who is using, any of the telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, online screen names, static internet protocol addresses, or other online identities in the provided list.

Proposed law provides for the procedure by which such information may be requested by any person or entity and requires the requesting party to sign a statement indicating that the information obtained from the bureau pursuant to the provisions of proposed law shall not be disclosed for any purpose other than identifying and monitoring a registered user associated with the telephone number, e-mail address, online screen name, static internet protocol address, or other online identity and that disclosure of this information for any other purpose may be unlawful.

(Amends R.S. 15:542(C)(1)(m) and 542.1.5(A)(2)(b)(iv) and (vi); Adds R.S. 15:542.1.5(A)(2)(d))