



# **2024 Legislative Session**

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<b>I. AUDIT LAW</b>					
I-1	<a href="#">SB 145</a>	Barrow	<p>Provides relative to the access of the State Child Ombudsman to confidential records.</p> <p>Amends R.S. 24:525 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify the definition for “residences, ” “access,” and “special needs” for the purposes of the duties of the State Child Ombudsman.</li> <li>• Prohibits the State Child Ombudsman from being compelled to be a witness or be deposed in any case where the State Child Ombudsman is not personally a Defendant.</li> </ul> <p>Amends R.S. 44:4(6) to provide that any records, writings, accounts, letters, letter books, photographs, or copies or memoranda in the custody or control of the State Child Ombudsman are exempt from public review under the Public Records Law.</p> <p>Amends R.S. 44:4(6) to separate the Public Records Exception for the Legislative Auditor and the working papers of the internal auditor of a municipality.</p>	<b>Act 507</b>	08/01/2024



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I-2	<a href="#">SB 248</a>	Womack	Provides that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Legislative Auditor shall audit non-state entities, including local government and quasi-public entities, that receive funding for construction of a new project through the Capital Outlay Act pursuant to R.S. 39:112(E)(4), which requires non-state entities to provide no less than 3% of the total requested amount of funding for costs associated with long-term maintenance of the project; and</li> <li>• Failure of a non-state entity, including local government and quasi-public entities, to comply with the provisions of R.S. 39:112(E)(4) shall result in an audit finding of noncompliance with R.S. 24:513 and for the purposes of R.S. 39:72.1.</li> </ul>	<b>Act 323</b>	08/01/2024
I-3	<a href="#">SB 318</a>	Womack	Amends R.S. 39:72.1(A)(1) (“Compliance with Audit Requirements”) to include non-compliance with R.S. 39:112(E)(4). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R.S. 39:112(E)(4) requires non-state entities to provide no less than 3% of the total requested amount of funding for Capital Outlay projects.</li> </ul> Amends R.S. 39:112(E)(4) to mandate that non-state entities establish an escrow account to maintain the funds required to be provided by a non-state entity for long-term maintenance of capital outlay projects, if all of the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project is included in the Capital Outlay Act;</li> <li>• The non-state entity is required to provide a local match for the project; and</li> </ul>	<b>Act 764</b>	07/01/2024



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cooperative endeavor agreement between the non-state entity and the State for the capital outlay project is fully executed on or after July 1, 2024.</li> </ul>		
I-4	<a href="#">HB 925</a>	Mack	<p>Enacts R.S. 24:515.5 which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires political subdivisions which are established by statute that have in the current or immediately prior year total outstanding judgments in excess of seven million five hundred thousand dollars to include in its audit/reporting to the LLA a complete list of all outstanding judgments.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting is to use forms created by LLA.</li> <li>First reporting to Auditor in 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>Requires the Legislative Auditor to compile and biennially report to the Legislature on submissions by political subdivisions</li> <li>Reporting requirement sunsets on January 1, 2031.</li> <li>This law does not apply to any political subdivision created by home rule charter or governed by a police jury.</li> </ul>	<b>Act 792</b>	06/25/2024
I-5	<a href="#">HB 965</a>	Hilferty	<p>Provides for billing arbitration and fixed rate billing for customers of the New Orleans Sewer and Water Board.</p> <p>Requires that the Legislative Auditor and New Orleans Inspector General to jointly appoint two arbiters for each council district in New Orleans. One is to serve on the residential arbitration team and one is to serve on the commercial arbitration team.</p> <p>Residential Customers' fixed rate bills to be presented within 180 days of effective date of Act (May 28, 2024).</p>	<b>Act 393</b>	05/28/2024



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<b>II. Open Meetings Law</b>					
II-1	<a href="#">HB 95</a>	Johnson, Mike	<p>The Act authorizes the use of a consent agenda by school boards and parish governing authorities with a population of 125,000 or more and a municipality with a population of 100,000 or more. (Prior law authorized the use of consent agendas only by parish governing authorities with a population of 200,000 or more and of municipalities with a population of 100,000 or more).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A consent agenda is defined in R.S. 42:13 as a grouping of procedural or routine agenda items that can be approved with general discussion.</li> <li>• When an agenda contains more than 50 items, the governing authority may take action on items on a consent agenda without reading the description of each item.</li> <li>• Before any action is taken on items listed in the consent agenda, there must be a public comment period.</li> </ul>	<b>Act 191</b>	08/01/2024
II-2	<a href="#">HB 103</a>	Johnson, Mike	<p>Amends R.S. 42:23, to require the following public bodies broadcast their public meetings live via television or the internet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Governing Authorities, including the parish governing authority's committee meetings, in parishes of twenty-five thousand or more;</li> <li>• School Boards, including the school board's committees, in parishes of twenty-five thousand or more; and</li> <li>• Municipal Governing Authorities; including committee meetings except for those whose members are volunteers, in municipalities of ten thousand or more.</li> </ul>	<b>Act 539</b>	08/01/2024



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			<p>Mandates that the above entities shall include sufficient information on its written public notice for the public to locate the broadcast for viewing.</p> <p>The requirement to broadcast does not include executive sessions.</p>		
II-3	<a href="#">HB 446</a>	Hilferty	<p>Amends R.S. 42:19, concerning notice of public meetings to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require notice of meetings to members of the public and media who request notice be given at the same time and manner as notice is given to members of the public body.</li> <li>Requires submission of notices of meetings to the Commissioner of Administration with sufficient time for the Commissioner to post the notice on the website established for that purpose prior to the 24-hour deadline for public notice of meetings.</li> </ul> <p>Requires the Commissioner establish a timeline and plan for implementation.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>  <b>This additional notice requirement to the Commissioner appears to be dependent on the Commissioner having a process in place to receive and post the notices. The Attorney General may ultimately need to provide guidance on how to proceed in the interim.</b></p>	<b>Act 617</b>	08/01/2024
II-4	<a href="#">HB 799</a>	St. Blanc	<p>This Act changes the Louisiana Governor’s Mansion Commission. The commission is now an advisory commission and it is renamed the “Louisiana Governor’s Mansion Advisory Commission.”</p> <p>The Act exempts meetings of the new commission from the provisions of the Open Meetings Law and the Public Records Law.</p> <p>Additionally, the Act makes the following changes to the commission:</p>	<b>Act 237</b>	05/23/2024



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limits the commission’s jurisdiction to the public areas of the mansion and grounds.</li> <li>• Removes the State Wing of the Second Floor of the Mansion from the public area of the Mansion.</li> <li>• Provides that appointed members of the commission serve “at the pleasure” of the appointing authority (the governor);</li> <li>• Repeals the requirement for commission approval of improvement, renovation, redecoration or enhancement of the mansion (public or private);</li> <li>• Requires the governor’s approval for the commission to enter into any loan agreement;</li> <li>• Requires the commission to provide ORM with a property inventory for the assessment of adequate insurance;</li> <li>• Limits annual audit, spot-check inventory and post-audit functions only to items located in the mansion owned by the State, or on loan to the State and housed in the mansion or its grounds;</li> <li>• Adds “advise” and “recommendations” to the commission’s powers and duties.</li> </ul>		
II-5	<a href="#">SB 70</a>	Mizell	<p>Provides for local overdose fatality review panels.</p> <p>See <a href="#">IV-10</a> in the 2024 Public Records Law Bill List for additional information on this Act.</p>	<b>Act 498</b>	08/01/2024





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<b>III. Public Bid Law</b>					
<b>III-1</b>	<a href="#">HB 235</a>	Coates	<p>The Act increases the exemption amount for the purchase of used or new vehicles by local governments for conversion into law enforcement vehicles from \$40,000 for total purchase to \$70,000 <u>per vehicle</u>.</p> <p>The Act specifies that the \$70,000 per vehicle exception also applies to fire service and firefighting or rescue apparatus.</p> <p>The Act clarifies that it applies to both paid and volunteer fire department run by a local government or a nonprofit under contract with a fire district or other political subdivision.</p>	<b>Act 68</b>	08/01/2024
<b>III-2</b>	<a href="#">HB 410</a>	Brass	<p>Selection of professional design services (i.e. architects, landscape architects, and engineers) for executive branch public works projects of over One Million Dollars (previously \$500,000) must follow the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) procedures in R.S. 38:2310, et seq, that utilize professional selection boards for selection of the most qualified design professional for a project.</p>	<b>Act 427</b>	06/03/2024
<b>III-3</b>	<a href="#">HB 555</a>	Deshotel	<p>Amends R.S. 33:4169.1, relative to garbage collection and disposable contracts by municipalities and parish governing authorities.</p> <p>Mandates that exclusive garbage collection and disposal contracts by municipalities and parish governing authorities shall be issued only following a public bid process.</p>	<b>Act 707</b>	08/01/2024



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			Defines “exclusive contract” to mean a written agreement for the exclusive collection and disposal of residential garbage and trash throughout the entirety of the territorial jurisdiction of the respective parish or municipality.		
III-4	<a href="#">HB 794</a>	Gadberry	<p>Amends R.S. 38:2318.1 to clarify the process required for a political subdivision or agency to negotiate a fair and reasonable contract with the most highly qualified firm for architectural and engineering professional services, without price being a factor.</p> <p>If the political subdivision is unable to come to terms and execute a contract with the firm/design professional that is ranked most qualified based on the established criteria, it may then move on to the next rated/qualified firm until it can come to terms with and execute a contract.</p>	<b>Act 788</b>	08/01/2024
III-5	<a href="#">HB 797</a>	Coates	Provides a lower minimum project cost limit of two million dollars for hospital service districts to utilize “construction management at risk” (CMAR) for public works projects.	<b>Act 725</b>	08/01/2024
III-6	<a href="#">HB 878</a>	Riser	<p>The Act authorizes municipal and parish fire departments, volunteer fire departments, fire protection districts, municipal and parish ambulance services, ambulance service districts, municipal police departments, or related public safety departments or agencies to enter into agreements with qualified group purchasing organizations for purchases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the group purchasing organization to submit a price list and maintain those prices for least three months and for those prices to be deemed a valid and binding bid.</li> </ul>	<b>Act 663</b>	08/01/2024



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits the price lists from being considered public records, but provides that the price list will be considered public record when it is made part of a contract.</li> <li>• Defines "qualified group purchasing organization" as follows:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ an organization, whether for profit or not-for-profit, of which two or more of the public departments, agencies, or non-profit corporations described in [the Act] hereinafter referred to as fire, ambulance service, public safety, or police authority, are participating or voting members thereof and which solicit proposals or bids from vendors of materials, equipment, or supplies of the type and nature as may be purchased by any such department, agency, or non-profit corporation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Allows the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies from a qualified group purchasing organization when prices are less than those for substantially similar products on the state contract list or when similar products are not on the state contract list.</li> <li>• Prohibits purchases through an entity or vendor that is not a qualified group purchasing organization without using procurement procedures otherwise provided in state law.</li> </ul>		
III-7	<a href="#">SB 169</a>	Womack	Provides that a declaration that a public works contract is null and void shall not affect amounts due and payable under the contract, including overhead and profit, for the work performed by or on behalf of the contractor.	<b>Act 165</b>	05/23/2024



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III-8	<a href="#">SB 234</a>	Miguez	<p>The Act creates restrictions with respect to the ability of the state and its political subdivisions to contract pursuant to the Public Bid Law (R.S. 38:2181 et seq.) and the La. Procurement Code (R.S. 39:1551 et seq.) with companies that discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries.</p> <p><b>Public Bid Law</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract with a company for the purchase of goods or services unless the contract contains a <b>written verification</b> from the company of both of the following:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The company does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association based solely on the entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.</li> <li>(2) The company will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the contract based solely on the entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Prohibits a public entity from entering into a joint or multi-party contract for goods or services unless the contract contains the <b>written verification</b> required pursuant to the law from each company that is a party to the contract.</li> <li>• Provides a verification requirement <b>exception</b> for such contracts for any company that will receive less than \$100,000 pursuant to the contract.</li> <li>• Only applies to a contract with a value of \$100,000 or more that are:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paid primarily from public funds;</li> <li>2. Between a public entity and a company with at least 50 full-time employees.</li> <li>3. Was renewed or entered into on or after August 1, 2024.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Act 581	08/01/2024



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides an <b>exception</b> for sole source provider contracts and circumstances where the public entity does not receive bids from any companies that are able to provide the <b>written verification</b>.</li> <li>• Defines “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” as a company that:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Refuses to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on the entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.</li> <li>2. Refrains from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on the entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.</li> <li>3. Terminates an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on the entity or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Provides that a company does not “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” if it if it refuses to engage in the trade of any goods or services, refrains from continuing an existing business relationship, or declines to enter into, modifies, or terminates an existing business relationship for any of the following reasons:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulator.</li> <li>2. For any traditional or ordinary business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association. Further provides that "status" includes the lawful products and services provided by and lawful practices of firearm entities and firearm trade associations.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Authorizes Attorney General to enforce requirements of the law and to recover all reasonable costs and attorney fees incurred.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Procurement Code</b> The Act adds similar restrictions/provisions as listed above regarding contracts entered into by State agencies under the Procurement Code.</p> <p><b>NOTE: This Act appears to contain certain provisions that may require further clarification by the Attorney General.</b></p>		
III-9	<a href="#">SB 265</a>	Womack	<p>Clarifies the defenses available to sureties on bonds for public work projects and DOTD projects.</p> <p>No written contract or bond will be required for projects of \$150,000 or less that are directly associated with preparation for Super Bowl LIX.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This exception sunsets on <b>February 10, 2025.</b></li> </ul>	<b>Act 761</b>	06/19/2024
<b>IV. Public Records Law</b>					
IV-1	<a href="#">HB 113</a>	McMakin	Provides that a public postsecondary education institution shall furnish public records at no charge to student-produced media outlets affiliated with the institution and funded by student fees.	<b>Act 411</b>	08/01/2024
IV-2	<a href="#">HB 221</a>	Bayham	<p>The Act changes many of the requirements for recall petitions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requiring the “month, date &amp; year” voter signed petition;</li> <li>• the witness name be typed legibly as well as dated; and</li> <li>• that an affidavit verifying the number of signatures be submitted when the petition is submitted to the Secretary of State.</li> </ul>	<b>Act 550</b>	01/01/2025



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			The Act provides that the unsigned recall petition becomes a public record when filed with the Secretary of State and the signed recall petition becomes a public record 90 days after the signature of the first elector.		
IV-3	<a href="#">HB 268</a>	Johnson, Mike	<p>The Act changes the provision of law that, for security reasons, the schedule of the governor/spouse/children may be kept confidential for an unlimited time after an event.</p> <p>The Act also provides that the home and “personal wireless” telephone number, home address, and personal email of public employees are confidential. The Act makes clear that the public employee does not have to request that this information be kept confidential.</p> <p><b>NOTE: See Act 295, See <a href="#">(IV-12)</a>. Act 295 received its final legislative approval on May 23, 2024. Act 495 received its final legislative approval on June 4, 2024. Therefore, Act 495 is the latest expression of legislative will. AG Op. No. 93-0470.</b></p>	Act 495	06/04/2024
IV-4	<a href="#">HB 443</a>	Coates	<p>This Act creates an exemption from the Public Records law for the files, records, communications, working papers of the Child Advocacy Center. Disclosure of such records may only be made pursuant to Children’s Code Art. 525 or order of the juvenile court.</p> <p>The Act also makes videotaped interviews of protected persons exempt from Public Records law. Disclosure of such interviews may only be made pursuant to R.S. 15:440.1 or Children’s Code Art. 322, <i>et seq.</i></p>	Act 654	08/01/2024



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IV-5	<a href="#">HB 461</a>	Jackson, Steven	<p>This Act creates an exemption to the Public Records Law for records of a local government that pertain to “an active negotiation with a person for the purpose of a proposed project involving the retention, expansion, or attraction of further economic development within the local government’s jurisdictional boundaries” if the person requests such confidentiality in writing at the outset of the negotiations.</p> <p>The CEO of the local government will make the determination, with an affirmative vote of the local governing authority at an Open Meeting, that the information, if disclosed, would have a detrimental effect on the negotiations.</p> <p>The local government must publish on its website and in its office journal a notice containing general information regarding each notice to which records are made confidential pursuant to this law no later than 5 days after the determination of confidentiality.</p> <p>Information remains confidential until negotiations have concluded or for no more than 12 months after the CEO’s acceptance. However, if the negotiation remains active, the CEO may make a new determination that the information should remain confidential for an additional 12 months. Under no circumstances shall the information remain confidential for more than 24 months.</p> <p>The Act provides definitions, including “active negotiations” and “economic development.”</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> There are provisions in this Act that may need clarification by the Attorney General.</p>	<b>Act 618</b>	08/01/2024 Sunset of 01/01/2028





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IV-6	<a href="#">HB 669</a>	Boyd	<p>This Act limits public access to certain Personal Identifiable Information (PII) of current and retired members of the state and federal judiciary as well as other “protected individuals,” which includes state and federal magistrates, and commissioners/hearing officers of district courts.</p> <p>The Act also provides for a method to have such PII that is already published removed.</p>	<b>Act 628</b>	02/01/2025
IV-7	<a href="#">HB 767</a>	Emerson	<p>This Act provides that, for security reasons, the schedule of any statewide elected official or an employee in his office, may be held confidential for up to 7 days after an event. Statewide elected officials are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lt. Governor</li> <li>• Secretary of State</li> <li>• Attorney General</li> <li>• Treasurer</li> <li>• Commissioner of Agriculture</li> <li>• Commissioner of Insurance</li> </ul> <p>The Act also provides that only a person who resides in the State and who otherwise meets the requirements to make a Public Records Request, may request records from the office of the governor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The custodian of records for the office of the governor may request sufficient information to establish the requestor’s identity, age and residency.</li> <li>• The information received to establish the requestor’s identity, age and residency shall not be a public record and will be destroyed within 1 year of the final disposition of the request.</li> </ul>	<b>Act 638</b>	08/01/2024



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IV-8	<a href="#">HB 768</a>	Farnum	<p>Removes Personal Liability under Public Records Law for Custodians concerning enforcement of violations of the Public Records Law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The public entity shall be responsible for all penalties assessed by a court concerning violations of the Public Records Law, including those attributable to the custodian.</b></li> </ul>	<b>Act 493</b>	06/05/2024
IV-9	<a href="#">HB 799</a>	St Blanc	<p>Provides for the Governor’s Mansion Advisory Commission</p> <p>See <a href="#">II-4</a> in the 2024 Open Meetings Law Bill List for additional information on this Act.</p>	<b>Act 237</b>	05/23/2024
IV-10	<a href="#">SB 70</a>	Mizell	<p>Exempts from public review under the Public Records Law the information, documents, or records received by an overdose fatality review panel deemed confidential by R.S. 40:2025.5</p> <p>Provides for the confidentiality of records obtained by the review panel, including exemption from subpoena.</p> <p>Provides for annual reporting by the review panel to the human services district of the parish(s) by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the human services district to compile reports and submit them to LDH by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.</li> <li>• LDH is mandated to consolidate these reports into a single annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by March 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.</li> </ul> <p>Provides that these reports by the Review Panels, Human Services Districts, and LDH shall be public records.</p> <p>Exempts the meetings of review panels from the open meetings law.</p>	<b>Act 498</b>	08/01/2024



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			<p>Provides for the creation and functions of Local Overdose Fatality Review Panels.</p> <p>Provides for records access by review panels to certain confidential information.</p> <p>Provides that LDH shall maintain a public registry of created and active review panels.</p>		
IV-11	<a href="#">SB 75</a>	Morris	<p>Provides for electronic filing and record retention by Clerks of Court of pleadings, documents, and exhibits filed with the Clerk.</p> <p>Provides for retention of testaments filed with the clerk of court.</p> <p>Clarifies provisions on the retention of conveyance records by clerks of courts.</p>	Act 501	08/01/2024
IV-12	<a href="#">SB 129</a>	Owen	<p>Amends provisions of R.S. 44:11 concerning the confidentiality of Personnel Records of Public Employees to include as confidential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cell phone number of an employee requesting it be confidential; and</li> <li>• The personal email address or addresses of the public employee where they have requested the address be confidential.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> See Act 495 <a href="#">(IV-3)</a>, which was adopted later and appears to be the latest expression of the Legislature. Act 495 removes the requirement that the public employee must request that their PII be made confidential.</p>	Act 295	08/01/2024



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IV-14	<a href="#">SB 149</a>	Fields	<p>Clarifies and updates provisions of the Public Records Law concerning State Archives and Records Retention Programs.</p> <p>Provides for duty of agency head to notify the Secretary of State, through the State Archivist of any actual, impending, or threatened unlawful removal, damage, falsification, defacement, alteration, or destruction of records in the custody of their agency that come to their attention and assist the Secretary in initiating legal action through the Attorney General for their recovery.</p>	Act 508	08/01/2024



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			Provides for duty of the Secretary of State to notify an agency head of any actual, impending, or threatened unlawful removal, damage, falsification, defacement, alteration, or destruction of records in the custody of the agency that comes to the Secretary's attention.		
IV-15	<a href="#">SB 484</a>	Duplessis	<p>Makes certain records concerning the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program is exempt from public review.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Insurance by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to publish on its website or other publicly accessible platforms a list of all discounts that insurers filed and were approved by the Commissioner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the report shall also be submitted to the Poynter Legislative Research Library.</li> </ul> <p>Authorizes the Commissioner of Insurance to apply for grants or funds from the Federal government or other funding sources to supplement the funds appropriated by the Legislature.</p> <p>Authorizes the Commissioner of Insurance to enter into CEAs with public agencies and private entities for projects under the Program.</p> <p>Provides, subject to legislative appropriation, for an actuarial study by the Department of Insurance on the Program.</p>	Act 533	06/10/2024