

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 160 (SB 459)

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Barrow

Prior law provided that certain information regarding child welfare shall not be released to applicants, recipients, or outside sources. New law retains prior law and provides for exceptions to allow certain information to be released when a former foster child or his legal tutor consent. New law adds a provider of treatment or services, or one who is reviewing past services, as a party authorized to receive information from a case record.

New law provides for the release of certain information for the purpose of education and training of foster youth and former foster youth, to the extent allowed by federal law, but prohibits the release of information that includes the identity of the birth parents or birth siblings or any information regarding the identity of the reporter in the case of abuse or neglect.

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 15, 2018).

(Amends R.S. 46:56(F)(intro para) and (7)(a); adds R.S. 46:56(F)(7)(c))