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HOUSE BILL NO. 318

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PUBLIC PRINTING: Provides relative to needs assessments for public printing

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 43:31.1, relative to public printing; to provide relative to needs
3 assessments for printed matter; to require certain information in the needs
4 assessment; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 43:31.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §31.1. Printed matter; needs assessment

8 A. Any department, agency, branch, official, employee, or other entity of
9 state government seeking to print or have printed any public document shall perform
10 a needs assessment to determine the need for such publication. The needs
11 assessment shall include information relative to the content of the matter to be
12 printed, the reason for printing, the number of copies to be printed, the distribution
13 and mailing list for the printing, and any other particular specifications such as paper
14 weight and color. If the printed matter is to include a picture of a public official or
15 employee, the needs assessment shall further include a specific reason for the
16 inclusion of the picture in the publication. The needs assessment shall be provided
17 to and approved by the appropriate administrative head or department secretary prior
18 to the expenditure of any funds for the printing of such document. The needs
19 assessment shall be a public document and shall be open for public inspection and
20 copying as provided by R.S. 44:1 et seq.

1 B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to colleges, universities, or
2 any other higher education institutions.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that if a public document to be printed is to include a picture of a public official or public employee, the needs assessment required for the document must include a specific reason for the picture's inclusion.

Present law requires state agencies, officials, employees, and other entities of state government, except higher education institutions, to perform a needs assessment before printing a public document. Requires the needs assessment to include information relative to the reason for and content of the publication, the volume of printing, the mailing list of the document's recipients, and other particular specifications such as paper weight and color. Requires that such needs assessment be approved by the appropriate administrative head or department secretary before funds are expended for the printing. Provides that the needs assessment is a public document subject to present law relative to public records.

Proposed law further requires that if the document to be printed is to include a picture of a public official or public employee, the needs assessment shall include a specific reason for the picture's inclusion.

(Amends R.S. 43:31.1)