

Senate Bill No. 458

CHAPTER 685

An act to add Section 11019.7 to the Government Code, relating to state agencies.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 458, Peace. State agencies: mail: disclosure of personal information.

Existing law provides for the conduct and operation of state agencies.

This bill would prohibit a state agency, including the California State University, from sending any outgoing United States mail, as described, to an individual that contains personal information about that individual unless the personal information is contained within sealed correspondence and cannot be viewed from the outside of that sealed correspondence.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 11019.7 is added to the Government Code, to read:

11019.7. (a) No state agency shall send any outgoing United States mail to an individual that contains personal information about that individual, including, but not limited to, the individual's social security number, telephone number, driver's license number, or credit card account number, unless that personal information is contained within sealed correspondence and cannot be viewed from the outside of that sealed correspondence.

(b) "Outgoing United States mail" for the purposes of this section includes correspondence sent via a common carrier, including, but not limited to, a package express service and a courier service.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 11000, "state agency" includes the California State University.

