

10A.105 Confidentiality.

1. For the purposes of this section, “*governmental entity*” includes an administrative division within the department.

2. The confidentiality of all information in the department produced or collected during or as a result of a hearing, appeal, investigation, inspection, audit, or other function performed by the department on behalf of another governmental entity is governed by the law applicable to the records of that governmental entity. The department may provide information to a governmental entity for which it is conducting a hearing, appeal, inspection, audit, investigation, or other function.

3. The state shall maintain records and materials related to an agreement or compact entered into pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.), as confidential records if confidentiality is required by the terms of the agreement or compact.

4. The lawful custodian of all records produced or collected during or as a result of any function performed by the department on behalf of another governmental entity is that governmental entity for the purpose of examination and copying pursuant to chapter 22.

5. If information in the possession of the department indicates that a criminal offense may have been committed, the information may be reported to the appropriate criminal justice or regulatory agency.

6. However, this section does not prohibit the department from releasing the minimal amount of information necessary in its judgment to conduct audits, inspections, investigations, appeals, and hearings, and does not prohibit the introduction of the information as evidence at any hearing conducted by the department.

7. The director, administrators, and their designees shall have access to all records deemed by the department to be pertinent to a hearing, appeal, audit, investigation, inspection, or other related function assigned under this chapter.

86 Acts, ch 1245, §505; 89 Acts, ch 231, §5