

**SAM – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(California Technology Agency)**

ACCESS TO INFORMATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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Section 11734 (f) of the Government Code requires that procedures be published in SAM to allow the Legislative Analyst to use data in, or products of, state data processing information systems to analyze programs and budgets.

In order to enable the Legislature to determine the fiscal or program effects of changes (1) proposed by the Administration or (2) considered by the Legislature, any state department operating an automated information system shall, upon receiving a written request, allow the Legislative Analyst reasonable access to any relevant data contained in the system's master files, transaction files, history files and/or other appropriate automated files.

However, such access shall not be provided to information: (1) specifically prohibited by Federal law or (2) relating to proposed administrative actions (such as Budget Change Proposals submitted by individual state entities) not yet approved by the Administration.

It is the responsibility of the department to whom the information pertains to ensure that any data made available under these provisions are as accurate and up-to-date as is consistent with the department's normal use of data.

The Legislative Analyst must agree that any confidential information obtained under these provisions shall remain confidential.