

before the judge as soon as practically possible.

Proposed law provides that the judge shall explore all available alternatives to incarceration to ensure the victim's appearance in court, and be notified of certain rights, including a right to counsel.

Proposed law provides a presumption that the victim be released on his own recognizance.

Proposed law provides certain conditions of release for such secured victim such as bond supervision, GPS monitoring, treatment facilities, shelters, lodging, or services offered by community partners or victim witness assistance coordinators.

Proposed law provides that the judge may order that the secured victim be placed in protective custody as an alternative to incarceration. If possible, a victim shall not be incarcerated in the same institution as the defendant.

Proposed law provides for a reporting system of information regarding material witness warrant data.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:257; adds R.S. 15:257.1 and 625)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Makes proposed law applicable to both the prosecution and the defense instead of only applicable to the prosecution.

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Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Deletes the provision which prohibits the arrest and incarceration of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who refuse to testify against their abusers.
2. Adds a provision to provide limitations of arrest and incarceration of victims of domestic violence and sexually oriented criminal offenses who refuse to testify against their abusers.
3. Makes technical corrections.