
DIGEST

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SB No. 243

Proposed law creates the crime of failure to report the commission of certain felonies.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for any person having knowledge of the commission of any homicide, rape, or sexual abuse of a child to fail to report or disclose such information to a law enforcement agency or district attorney, except when the person having such knowledge is bound by any privilege of confidentiality recognized by law.

Proposed law further provides that whoever commits this crime shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both.

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

(Adds R.S. 14:131.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the engrossed bill.

1. Added an exception for those persons who have knowledge of the felony but are bound by a privilege of confidentiality recognized by law.