

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

CRIME/SEX OFFENSES: Creates the crime of unlawful exposure by an inmate

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:541(24)(a) and to enact R.S. 14:406, relative to offenses
3 affecting law enforcement; to create the crime of unlawful exposure by an inmate;
4 to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide with respect to sex
5 offender registration and notification requirements; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:406 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §406. Unlawful exposure by an inmate

10 A. It is unlawful for an adult inmate who is incarcerated in an adult facility
11 to expose his or her intimate parts to any correctional facility employee with the
12 intent of doing any of the following:

13 (1) Arousing or gratifying the sexual desires of the inmate.

14 (2) Intimidating or harassing a correctional facility employee.

15 B. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms have the following
16 meanings:

17 (1) "Correctional facility" means any adult jail, prison, penitentiary,
18 temporary holding center, or detention facility.

19 (2) "Correctional facility employee" means an employee of any adult jail,
20 prison, penitentiary, temporary holding center, or detention facility.

Proposed law provides for penalties as follows:

- (1) Imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than three years, a fine of not more than \$2,500, or both.
- (2) Upon a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years, a fine of not more than \$25,000, or both.

Proposed law requires any sentence imposed under proposed law to run consecutively to any other sentence being served by the offender at the time of the offense.

Present law (R.S. 15:541) provides for definitions relative to sex offenders.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law defines the term "sex offense".

Proposed law amends present law to include the proposed law offense of unlawful exposure by an inmate within the term "sex offense".

(Amends R.S. 15:541(24)(a); Adds R.S. 14:406)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Clarify that proposed law applies to adult inmates in adult facilities.