

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 261 (HB 268)

2025 Regular Session

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Existing law provides for the crime of pornography involving juveniles.

New law does all of the following:

- (1) Retains the elements and penalties of the existing law crime of pornography involving juveniles.
- (2) Provides that any reference to the crime of "pornography involving juveniles" is the same as a reference to the crime of "child sexual abuse materials".
- (3) Amends provisions in the Code of Criminal Procedure, Children's Code, the Civil Code, and Titles 14, 15, 17, and 46 of the La. R.S. of 1950 regarding criminal offenses, sex offender registration and notification, duties of interactive computer service, duties of governing authorities of public elementary or secondary schools, duties of the Dept. of Children and Family Services, criminal procedure, criminal sentencing, family services, children in need of care, child abuse reporting and investigation, and civil damages to reflect the new law change in reference of "pornography involving juveniles" to "child sexual abuse materials".
- (4) Provides that nothing in new law alleviates any person arrested, convicted, or adjudicated delinquent for existing law pornography involving juveniles prior to the effective date of new law from any requirement, obligation, or consequence imposed by law as a result of that arrest, conviction, or adjudication including but not limited to any requirements regarding the setting of bail, sex offender registration and notification, parental rights, probation, parole, sentencing, or any other requirement, obligation, or consequence imposed by law as a result of that arrest, conviction, or adjudication.

New law shall be cited and referred to as "The Audrey Wascome Act".

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 14:73.8(A), (C), and (D), 81.1(A), (B)(8) and (9), (E)(1)-(4) and (5)(a) and (b), (F)(2), (3)(b) and (c), (4), and (5)(intro. para.) and (d), 89.1(A)(2)(b)(i), 91.2(B), and 91.5(A)(1), R.S. 15:537(A), 539.1(F)(intro. para.), 541(24)(a) and (25)(d), 543.1(18), 545.1(C), and 1352(A)(45), R.S. 17:100.7(A)(1), R.S. 46:51.2(C)(1)(a), C.Cr.P. Arts. 648(B)(3)(i) and 718.1(A) and (B), Ch.C. Arts. 502(3) and (4), 603(8) and (12)(l), and 610(F), and C.C. Art. 2315.3; Adds R.S. 14:81.1(I) and R.S. 15:541(24)(c))