

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 579

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

CRIMINAL/VICTIMS: Provides relative to the Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1845(C)(2) and (12) and to enact R.S. 46:1845(C)(13),
3 relative to the Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights; to provide relative to certain
4 rights of a sexual assault survivor; to provide relative to the preservation of sexual
5 assault collection kits; to provide for the right to be notified of the rights contained
6 within the Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 46:1845(C)(2) and (12) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 46:1845(C)(13) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1845. Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights

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12 C. A sexual assault survivor shall have the following rights:

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14 (2) The right to have an ~~unreported~~ a sexual assault collection kit preserved,
15 without charge, for at least twenty years or longer if required by state law or policy.

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17 (12) The right to be notified of all of the rights contained in this Subsection.

18 (13) The right to retain any other rights that a survivor may have under any
19 other law of this state.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights.

Present law provides for the Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that one of these rights is the right to have an unreported sexual assault collection kit preserved, without charge, for at least 20 years.

Proposed law amends present law to provide the right to have a sexual assault collection kit, rather than an unreported sexual assault collection kit, preserved without charge for at least 20 years or longer if required by state law or policy.

Proposed law adds a right for sexual assault survivors to be notified of all of the rights contained in present law.

(Amends R.S. 46:1845(C)(2) and (12); Adds R.S. 46:1845(C)(13))