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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))