

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 884

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL

CRIMINAL/VICTIMS: Provides relative to survivors of sexually-oriented criminal offenses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:555(A)(introductory paragraph) and 622(A)(introductory
3 paragraph), (1), (2), and (4) and (C) and R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph)
4 and to enact R.S. 15:555(A)(18) and R.S. 46:2166(A)(19), relative to survivors of
5 sexually-oriented criminal offenses; to provide relative to sexual assault collection
6 kits; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to procedures and reporting
7 requirements; to provide relative to the membership of certain commissions; to
8 provide for technical revisions; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 15:555(A)(introductory paragraph) and 622(A)(introductory
11 paragraph), (1), (2), and (4) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
12 15:555(A)(18) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §555. Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission; creation; membership;
14 meetings

15 A. The Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission is hereby created
16 within the Department of Justice, office of the attorney general; ~~The commission~~
17 and shall consist of the following members:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to survivors of sexually-oriented criminal offenses.

Present law (R.S. 15:555) provides for the La. Sexual Assault Oversight Commission and its membership.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a member with experience in forensic medical examinations provided to victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses who is selected by the attorney general.

Present law (R.S. 15:622) provides relative to sexual assault collection kits.

Proposed law generally retains present law.

Proposed law makes technical revisions to the definitions of "criminal justice agency", "forensic medical examination", and "sexually-oriented criminal offense". Further makes technical revisions to the legislative committee reporting requirements in present law.

Present law (R.S. 40:1216.1) provides for procedures for survivors of a sexually-oriented criminal offense.

Proposed law retains present law and makes a technical revisions.

Present law (R.S. 46:2166) provides for the La. Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and its membership.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a member with experience in forensic medical examinations provided to victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses who is selected by the attorney general.

(Amends R.S. 15:555(A)(intro. para.) and 622(A)(intro. para.), (1), (2), and (4) and (C) and R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 15:555(A)(18) and R.S. 46:2166(A)(19))