

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 347

BY SENATOR BARROW

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Provides for the crime of "unlawful deepfake" to be added to the definition of power-based violence under the Campus Accountability and Safety Act. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3399.12(5), relative to the Campus Accountability and Safety
3 Act; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3399.12(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3399.12. Definitions

8 As used in this Part, the following terms have the following meanings unless
9 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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11 (5) "Power-based violence" means any form of interpersonal violence
12 intended to control or intimidate another person through the assertion of power over
13 the person and shall include the following:

14 (a) Dating violence (R.S. 46:2151).

15 **(b) "Deepfake" means any audio or visual media in an electronic format,**
16 **including any motion picture film or video recording, that is created, altered,**
17 **or digitally manipulated in a manner that would falsely appear to a reasonable**

1 observer to be an authentic record of the actual speech or conduct of the
2 individual or replace an individual's likeness with another individual and
3 depicted in the recording. "Deepfake" does not include any material that
4 constitutes a work of political, public interest, or newsworthy value, including
5 commentary, criticism, satire, or parody, or that includes content, context, or
6 a clear disclosure visible throughout the duration of the recording that would
7 cause a reasonable person to understand that the audio or visual media is not
8 a record of a real event (R.S. 14:73.13).

9 ~~(b)~~**(c)** Domestic abuse and family violence (R.S. 46:2121.1 and 2132). For
10 the purposes of this Part, domestic abuse shall also include any act or threat to act
11 that is intended to coerce, control, punish, intimidate, or exact revenge on the other
12 party, for the purpose of preventing the victim from reporting to law enforcement or
13 requesting medical assistance or emergency victim services, or for the purpose of
14 depriving the victim of the means or ability to resist the abuse or escape the
15 relationship.

16 ~~(e)~~**(d)** Nonconsensual observation of another person's sexuality without the
17 other person's consent, including voyeurism (R.S. 14:283.1), video voyeurism (R.S.
18 14:283), nonconsensual disclosure of a private image (R.S. 14:283.2), and peeping
19 tom activities (R.S. 14:284).

20 ~~(d)~~**(e)** Sexual assault (R.S. 14:41, 42 through 43.5, 89, 89.1, and 106).

21 ~~(e)~~**(f)** "Sexual exploitation" which means an act attempted or committed by
22 a person for sexual gratification, financial gain, or other advancement through the
23 abuse of another person's sexuality including prostituting another person (R.S.
24 14:46.2 and 82 through 86).

25 ~~(f)~~**(g)** "Sexual harassment" which means unwelcome sexual advances,
26 requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, physical, or inappropriate conduct of a
27 sexual nature when the conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's
28 employment or education, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work or
29 educational performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or

1 educational environment and has no legitimate relationship to the subject matter of
2 a course or academic research.

3 ~~(g)~~**(h)** Stalking (R.S. 14:40.2) and cyberstalking (R.S. 14:40.3).

4 ~~(h)~~**(i)** Unlawful communications (R.S. 14:285).

5 ~~(i)~~**(j)** Unwelcome sexual or sex- or gender-based conduct that is objectively
6 offensive, has a discriminatory intent, and lacks a bona fide academic purpose.

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8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
12 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law provides for the following definitions relative to the Campus Accountability and Safety Act: "Chancellor", "Confidential advisor", "Employee", "Institution", "Power-based violence", "Responsible employee", "System president", and "Title IX coordinator".

Proposed law retains present law but adds "Deepfake" to the definition of "Power-based violence".

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3399.12(5))