

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 322

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

PARDON/PAROLE: Prohibits the assessment of any fees or costs against certain individuals who request a copy of testimony presented in executive session before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.12.1(F) and to enact R.S. 15:574.12.1(G), relative to
3 records of testimony provided at certain hearings of the Board of Pardons and
4 committee on parole; to prohibit the assessment of certain fees and costs; to provide
5 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:574.12.1(F) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 15:574.12.1(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §574.12.1. Testimony provided in executive session before the Board of Pardons
10 and committee on parole; confidentiality

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12 F. No fees or costs provided by law shall be assessed against a victim,
13 spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, or legal guardian of a victim who requests
14 a copy of the testimony pursuant to this Section.

15 G. Nothing in this Section shall prevent the Department of Public Safety and
16 Corrections or law enforcement from sharing information as authorized or required
17 by state or federal law.

18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the assessment of any fees or costs against certain individuals who request a copy of testimony presented in executive session before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole.

Present law provides relative to the confidentiality, authorized release, violations, and exceptions pertaining to testimony presented in executive session before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits the assessment of any fees or costs against a victim, spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, or legal guardian of a victim who requests a copy of testimony that was presented in executive session before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole.

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

(Amends R.S. 15:574.12.1(F); Adds R.S. 15:574.12.1(G))