
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to Original House Bill No. 579
by Representative LaFleurAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 46:1844(O)(1) and (W)(1)(a) and 1845(C)(2) and (D) and to enact R.S. 46:1844(W)(1)(d) and 1845(C)(13),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "kits;" insert "to provide for the confidentiality of certain information; to provide for exceptions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 9 in its entirety and insert "R.S. 46:1844(O)(1) and (W)(1)(a) and 1845(C)(2) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:1844(W)(1)(d) and 1845(C)(13) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1844. Basic rights for victim and witness

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O. Notification of pardon or parole.

(1) The Board of Pardons or the committee on parole, respectively, shall notify the victim or the victim's family and all persons who file a victim registration and notification form and the appropriate district attorney that a hearing has been set for the person convicted of the crime. The victim or victim's family shall have the right to make written and oral statements as to the impact of the crime at any hearing before the board or committee and to rebut any statements or evidence introduced by the inmate or defendant. The victim or the victim's family, a victim advocacy group, and the district attorney or his representative may also appear before the board or committee in person or by means of teleconference or telephone communication. The board shall not prohibit the statement from being directed toward the inmate or defendant unless the statement disturbs the decorum of the hearing.

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W. Confidentiality of crime victims who are minors, victims of sex offenses, and victims of human trafficking-related offenses.

(1)(a) In order to protect the identity and provide for the safety and welfare of crime victims who are minors under the age of eighteen years and of victims of sex offenses or human trafficking-related offenses, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all public officials and officers and public agencies, including but not limited to all law enforcement agencies, sheriffs, district attorneys, judicial officers, clerks of court, the Crime Victims Reparations Board, and the Department of Children and Family Services or any division thereof, shall not publicly disclose the name, address, contact information, or identity of crime victims who at the time of the commission of the offense are minors under eighteen years of age or of victims of sex offenses or human trafficking-related offenses, regardless of the date of commission of the offense. The confidentiality of the identity of the victim who at the time of the commission of the offense is a minor under eighteen years of age or the victim of a sex offense or human trafficking-related offense may be waived by the victim. ~~The public disclosure of the name of the juvenile crime victim by any public official or officer or public agency is not prohibited by this Subsection when the crime resulted in the death of the victim.~~ Nothing in this Subsection shall be

1 construed to require the redaction of a victim's name when the named victim is the
2 one requesting such documents, reports, or any other records.

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4 (d) The provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph shall not
5 apply to the following:

6 (i) Except as provided in Subparagraph (d)(ii), a minor under the age of
7 eighteen years who is the victim of any criminal homicide enumerated in R.S. 14:29
8 or of any other criminal offense which has as an element the death of the victim.

9 (ii) A victim of any sex offense or human trafficking-related offense who is
10 also the victim of any criminal homicide enumerated in R.S. 14:29 or of any other
11 criminal offense which has as an element the death of the victim that is related to the
12 sex offense or human trafficking-related offense."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 4

14 On page 1, delete lines 17 through 20 in their entirety and insert the following:

15 "(13) The right to be informed of these rights.

16 D. Any complaint about a violation of this Section may be submitted directly
17 to the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children or the House Select
18 Committee on Women and Children for legislative oversight.

19 Section 2. Any discretionary funds provided to the state through the Services,
20 Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant
21 Program, administered by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), shall be used to
22 update and provide information on the notice required in accordance with this Act. The
23 notice shall be developed in consultation with sexual assault service providers and is subject
24 to approval by the Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission."