

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to Original House Bill No. 579
by Representative LaFleur

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S.
3 46:1844(O)(1) and (W)(1)(a) and 1845(C)(2) and (D) and to enact R.S. 46:1844(W)(1)(d)"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

11 §1844. Basic rights for victim and witness

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13 O. Notification of pardon or parole.

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

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

28 (1)(a) In order to protect the identity and provide for the safety and welfare
29 of crime victims who are minors under the age of eighteen years and of victims of
30 sex offenses or human trafficking-related offenses, notwithstanding any provision
31 of law to the contrary, all public officials and officers and public agencies, including
32 but not limited to all law enforcement agencies, sheriffs, district attorneys, judicial
33 officers, clerks of court, the Crime Victims Reparations Board, and the Department
34 of Children and Family Services or any division thereof, shall not publicly disclose
35 the name, address, contact information, or identity of crime victims who at the time
36 of the commission of the offense are minors under eighteen years of age or of
37 victims of sex offenses or human trafficking-related offenses, regardless of the date
38 of commission of the offense. The confidentiality of the identity of the victim who
39 at the time of the commission of the offense is a minor under eighteen years of age
40 or the victim of a sex offense or human trafficking-related offense may be waived
41 by the victim. ~~The public disclosure of the name of the juvenile crime victim by any~~
42 ~~public official or officer or public agency is not prohibited by this Subsection when~~
43 ~~the crime resulted in the death of the victim.~~ Nothing in this Subsection shall be
44 construed to require the redaction of a victim's name when the named victim is the
45 one requesting such documents, reports, or any other records.

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CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored
are additions.

