

SENATE BILL NO. 66

BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON
AND LARVADAIN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart I of Part III of Chapter 1 of Code Title V of Code Book I of Title 9 of the
3 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:360 through 360.1,
4 relative to child custody; to provide relative to testimony of medical experts in
5 certain circumstances; to provide relative to trial procedure in certain circumstances;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Subpart I of Part III of Chapter 1 of Code Title V of Code Book I of Title
9 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 9:360 through 360.1, is
10 hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 **SUBPART I. MEDICAL EXPERT TESTIMONY**

12 **§360. Medical expert testimony; priority for trial**

13 **In any proceeding in which a medical expert has been subpoenaed to**
14 **testify based upon allegations of abuse or neglect of a child, the court shall take**
15 **the testimony of the medical expert in priority to the parties and other**
16 **witnesses, absent extenuating circumstances that would prohibit this procedure.**
17 **The court shall take the testimony of the medical expert for all purposes by**
18 **which the medical expert's appearance is responsive to a subpoena.**

19 **§360.1. Applicability**

1 **The provisions of this Subpart shall apply to child custody proceedings**
2 **pursuant to Title V of the Civil Code and child in need of care proceedings**
3 **pursuant to Title VI of the Children's Code.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____