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## DIGEST

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HB 276 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a court to conduct a contradictory bail hearing prior to setting bail for a person in custody who is charged with certain sexually-based offenses against a child under the age of 18.

Present law authorizes a court to conduct a contradictory bail hearing prior to setting bail for a person in custody who is charged with certain offenses.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes a court to conduct a contradictory bail hearing prior to setting bail for a person in custody who is charged with any of the following offenses when committed against a child under the age of 18 years:

- (1) First degree rape (R.S. 14:42).
- (2) Second degree rape (R.S. 14:42.1).
- (3) Third degree rape (R.S. 14:43).
- (4) Sexual battery (R.S. 14:43.1).
- (5) Oral sexual battery (R.S. 14:43.3).
- (6) Human trafficking (R.S. 14:46.2)
- (7) Child sexual abuse materials (R.S. 14:81.1).
- (8) Molestation of a juvenile or a person with a physical or mental disability (R.S. 14:81.2).
- (9) Aggravated crime against nature (R.S. 14:89.1).

Proposed law restructures present law.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 313(A)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal

Justice to the original bill:

1. Change the minimum initial bail amount from \$50,000 to \$1 million.
2. Add human trafficking as an offense for which a minimum initial amount of bail is required.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed law that requires each district court with criminal jurisdiction in the state of La. to set an initial bail amount of not less than \$1,000,000 for an individual arrested for certain sexually-based offenses committed against a child under the age of 18 years.
2. Authorize a court to set a contradictory bail hearing prior to setting bail for a person in custody who is charged with certain sexually-based offenses committed against a child under the age of 18 years.
3. Restructure provisions of present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 313(A)(2)).
4. Make technical changes.