

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 156

2026 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Increases the maximum period of imprisonment for negligent homicide. (8/1/26)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Clarifies that the period of imprisonment for negligent homicide is with or without hard labor.
3. Changes the age of the victim from under 10 years to under 13 years regarding the enhanced penalty provision.
4. Increases the maximum period of imprisonment regarding the enhanced penalty provision from 15 years to 20 years.
5. Removes proposed law provision regarding enhanced penalty for certain negligent homicides.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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Present law provides that whoever commits the crime of negligent homicide will be sentenced as follows:

- (1) When the victim was 10 years of age or older, the offender may be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for 10 years, or both.
- (2) When the victim was less than 10 years of age, the offender will be imprisoned at hard labor, without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, for not less than two years nor more than 10 years.

Proposed law increases the maximum period of imprisonment from 10 years to 15 years regardless of the victim's age and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that an offender will be imprisoned at hard labor, without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, for not less than two years nor more than 20 years if the victim was less than 13 years of age.

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(Amends 14:32(C)(1) and (2))

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