

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides a survivor of sexual assault the right to make a written and oral statement as to the impact of the crime at any hearing before the Bd. of Pardons or the committee on parole.

New law further authorizes a victim to direct a statement to the inmate or defendant unless the statement disrupts the decorum of the hearing.

Prior law provided that public disclosure of the name of a juvenile crime victim by a public official, officer, or agency was not prohibited when the crime resulted in the death of the victim.

New law repeals prior law and permits the disclosure of the name of a juvenile crime victim by a public official, officer, or agency when the crime results in the death of the victim.

Existing law provides for the Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights.

Prior law provided that one of these rights was the right to have an unreported sexual assault collection kit preserved, without charge, for at least 20 years.

New law repeals prior law and provides the right to have a sexual assault collection kit, rather than an unreported sexual assault collection kit, preserved without charge for the maximum period required by law, but not less than 20 years.

New law requires that a sexual assault survivor has the right to be notified of all rights contained in existing law.

Existing law prohibits public officials, agencies, and attorneys from disclosing the identity or personal information of minor victims and victims of sex or human trafficking offenses, with limited exceptions. Authorizes victims to waive confidentiality and requires attorneys to take certain steps to protect the identities of persons under 18 years of age.

New law provides that existing law does not apply to minor victims or victims of sex or human trafficking offenses when the crime results in the victim's death, including criminal homicide or any offense where death is an element.

Existing law authorizes individuals to submit complaints regarding violations of the Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights to the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children for oversight.

New law additionally authorizes complaints to be submitted to the House Select Committee on Women and Children.

Effective June 8, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 46:1844(O)(1) and (W)(1)(a) and 1845(C)(2) and (12) and (D); Adds R.S. 46:1844(W)(1)(d) and 1845(C)(13))