

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 1073 by Representative Hazel

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides relative to the recording of statements of protected persons outside of the courtroom

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Deletes Child Advocacy Program from the list of entities authorized to file a motion or execute a written protocol relative to the videotaped recording of a protected person's statement.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law authorizes the court, on its own motion or on motion of the district attorney, a parish welfare unit or agency, or the Dept. of Children and Family Services, to require that a statement of a protected person be recorded on videotape.

Present law defines "protected person" as any person who is a victim of a crime or a witness in a criminal proceeding and who is either under the age of 17 years or has a developmental disability as defined in present law.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the recording of statements of protected persons outside of the courtroom without the necessity of the issuance of an order by the court in any individual case either by local court rule or by the execution of a written protocol between the court and law enforcement agencies, a parish welfare unit or agency, DCFS, or a child advocacy center operating in the judicial district.

(Amends R.S. 15:440.2(A)(1) and Ch.C. Art. 324(A))