



identifies the suspect as the perpetrator.

- (10) "Suspect" means the person believed by law enforcement to be the possible perpetrator of the crime.

Proposed law provides that no later than 1/30/19, any criminal justice entity conducting eyewitness identifications must adopt the La. Sheriff's Executive Management Institute ("LSEMI") model policy on eyewitness identification procedures, or draft its own policy that minimally comports to key best practices as outlined in proposed law. Proposed law further provides that each criminal justice entity that administers eyewitness identification procedures must provide a copy of its written policies to the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice no later than 3/1/19.

Proposed law provides that for any criminal justice entity that elects to draft its own policy on eyewitness identification procedures, these policies must:

- (1) Be based on all of the following:
  - (a) Credible field, academic, or laboratory research on eyewitness memory.
  - (b) Relevant policies, guidelines, and best practices designed to reduce erroneous eyewitness identifications and to enhance the reliability and objectivity of eyewitness identifications.
  - (c) Other relevant information as appropriate.
- (2) Include the following information regarding evidence-based practices:
  - (a) Procedures for selecting photograph and live lineup filler photographs or participants to ensure that the photographs or participant are consistent in appearance with the description of the alleged perpetrator and do not make the suspect noticeably stand out.
  - (b) Instructions given to a witness before conducting a photograph or live lineup identification procedure must include a statement that the person who committed the offense may or may not be present in the procedure.
  - (c) Procedures for documenting and preserving the results of a photograph or live lineup identification procedure, including the documentation of witness statements, regardless of the outcome of the procedure.
  - (d) Procedures for administering a photograph or live lineup identification procedure to an illiterate person or a person with limited English language proficiency.
  - (e) For a live lineup identification procedure, if practicable, procedures for assigning an

administrator who is unaware of which member of the live lineup is the suspect in the case or alternative procedures designed to prevent opportunities to influence the witness.

- (f) For a photograph identification procedure, procedures for assigning an administrator who is capable of administering a photograph array in a blind manner or in a blinded manner consistent with other proven or supported best practices designed to prevent opportunities to influence the witness.
  - (g) Any other procedures or best practices supported by credible research or commonly accepted as a means to reduce erroneous eyewitness identifications and to enhance the objectivity and reliability of eyewitness identifications.
- (3) Provide that a witness who makes an identification based on a photograph or live lineup identification procedure be asked immediately after the procedure to state, in the witness's own words, how confident the witness is in making the identification. A law enforcement agency is to document any statement made in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law provides that by December 31 of each odd-numbered year, the institute is to review the model policy and training materials adopted under proposed law and modify the policy and materials as appropriate while maintaining the requirements outlined in proposed law.

Proposed law provides that by September 1 of each even-numbered year, each law enforcement agency is to review its policy adopted under proposed law and modify that policy as appropriate while maintaining the requirements outlined in proposed law.

Proposed law provides that failure to conduct a photograph or live lineup identification procedure in substantial compliance with the model policy or any other policy adopted under proposed law does not bar the admission of eyewitness identification testimony.

Proposed law provides that a video record of identification procedures is to be made or, if a video record is not practicable, an audio record is to be made. Proposed law further provides that if neither a video nor audio record are practicable, the reasons must be documented in writing, and the lineup administrator is to make a full and complete written record of the lineup.

Proposed law provides that the written eyewitness identification procedures of a criminal justice entity must be made available, in writing, to the public upon request.

Proposed law provides that evidence of failure to comply with any of the provisions of proposed law:

- (1) May be considered by the district court in adjudicating motions to suppress an eyewitness identification.
- (2) May be admissible in support of any claim of eyewitness misidentification, as long as such evidence is otherwise admissible.

Proposed law provides relative to legislative intent.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 251-253)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Changes certain dates for adopting and reporting relative to eyewitness identification procedures.
2. Changes eyewitness identification model policy references from those of the International Association of Chiefs of Police to those of the La. Sheriff's Executive Management Institute model policy on eyewitness identification procedures.
3. Requires certain eyewitness identification procedures be provided to the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice instead of the attorney general and the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.
4. Changes requirements for eyewitness identification procedures for certain criminal justice entities.
5. Changes admissibility of certain evidence from mandatory to discretionary.
6. Deletes certain provisions of proposed law relative to admissibility of compliance or noncompliance with proposed law.
7. Deletes select provisions of proposed law relative to legislative intent.