

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIMINAL/JUSTICE: Provides relative to the Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:555(D), to enact R.S. 15:555(A)(17) and 556(A)(3), and to  
3 repeal R.S. 15:556(B), relative to the Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight  
4 Commission; to provide relative to the membership of the commission; to provide  
5 relative to the duties of the commission; to provide for an effective date; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:555(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:555(A)(17)  
9 and 556(A)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §555. Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission; creation; membership;  
11 meetings

12 A. The Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission is hereby created  
13 within the Department of Justice, office of the attorney general. The commission  
14 shall consist of the following members:

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16 (17) The president of Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response or her  
17 designee.

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1 D. The commission shall fix a time and place for its meetings and shall meet  
2 at least once every ~~three~~ four months. Additional meetings may be held upon the call  
3 of the chairman.

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5 §556. Duties of the commission

6 A.

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8 (3) Upon approval of the members, the commission may adopt additional  
9 projects, duties, or both as necessary to further the goal of the commission.

10 Section 2. R.S. 15:556(B) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

11 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
15 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the membership, duties, and administrative rules of the La. Sexual Assault Oversight Commission.

Present law provides for the membership and duties of the La. Sexual Assault Oversight Commission.

Proposed law retains present law and adds to the membership of the commission the president of Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response or a designee.

Proposed law allows the commission to adopt additional projects, duties, or both upon the approval of the members.

Present law requires the commission to meet at least once every three months and allows the chairman to call for additional meetings.

Proposed law amends present law to require the commission to meet at least once every four months.

Present law provides that the office of the attorney general shall adopt rules necessary to implement present law and that all rules shall be adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law removes the authority of the attorney general to adopt rules necessary to implement present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 15:555(D); Adds R.S. 15:555(A)(17) and 556(A)(3); Repeals R.S. 15:556(B))