

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

CRIME/SEX OFFENSES: Provides relative to notification when an inmate convicted of a violent or sexual offense is scheduled to be released

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:1844(N)(5), relative to notification of an inmate's release; to provide  
3 relative to notification for victims, family members of victims, persons who filed  
4 victim registration and notification forms, law enforcement agencies, and district  
5 attorneys; to provide relative to notification of the release of an inmate who has been  
6 convicted of a crime of violence or sex offense; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 46:1844(N)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1844. Basic rights for victim and witness

10 N. Duties of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. (1) In cases  
11 where the sentence is the death penalty, the victim's family shall have the right to be  
12 notified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections of the time, date, and  
13 place of the execution, and a minimum of two representatives of the victim's family  
14 shall have the right to be present.

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16 (5) When an inmate who has been convicted of a crime of violence as  
17 defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 is eligible for  
18 release pursuant to R.S. 15:571.3, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
19 shall notify the victim or the victim's family, all persons who have filed a victim

- 1 registration and notification form, the appropriate law enforcement agency, and the  
2 appropriate district attorney no later than sixty days prior to the inmate's release.
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## DIGEST

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HB 508 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to notification for victims and law enforcement prior to the release of violent and sexual offenders.

Present law provides for basic rights for victims and witnesses of a crime.

Present law provides for duties of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that when an inmate who has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in present law (R.S. 14:2(B)) or a sex offense as defined in present law (R.S. 15:541) is eligible for release pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:571.3), the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections shall notify the victim or the victim's family, all persons who have filed a victim registration and notification form, the appropriate law enforcement agency, and the appropriate district attorney no later than 60 days prior to the inmate's release.

(Adds R.S. 46:1844(N)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change the entity responsible for notification of an offender's release from the board of pardons or committee on parole to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.
3. Change the time period for notification from 30 days to 60 days.