
DIGEST

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HB No. 986

Abstract: Prevents attorneys from disclosing the identities of minor victims and victims of sex offenses.

Present law provides that all public officials and officers and public agencies shall not publicly disclose the identity of minor crime victims or victims of sex offenses.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that attorneys shall not publicly disclose the identity of minor crime victims or victims of sex offenses, but may lawfully utilize initials, abbreviations, or other forms of indefinite descriptions to prevent the public disclosure of the identity of such victims.

Proposed law further provides that if the identity of such a victim must be disclosed in a motion or pleading, that motion or pleading shall be filed with the court under seal.

Proposed law provides penalties for violating the rights of these victims.

(Amends R.S. 46:1844(W)(1))