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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for a comprehensive victims' services system and the Victims' Bill of Rights.

Proposed law directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to create a comprehensive victims' services system to notify victims, witnesses, and designated family members of their rights and to inform them of legal proceedings.

Present law (R.S. 46:1844) provides for the basic rights of victims and witnesses of a crime.

Proposed law creates the Victims' Bill of Rights related to the rights in present law.

Proposed law provides that a defendant shall not have standing to challenge the outcome of a case pursuant to a violation of a victim's rights.

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

(Adds R.S. 46:1847 and 1848)