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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to  
Original House Bill No. 160 by Representative Dickerson

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "enact" and before "relative to" delete "R.S. 42:1153(C)," and insert  
3 "R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C),"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, delete line 5 and insert the following:

6 "to provide for the procedure for making complaints; to provide for a prohibition  
7 against retaliation; to provide for penalties for making a false complaint and  
8 retaliating; and to"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 8, after "reenacted and" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning  
11 of line 9 delete "is" and insert "R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C) are"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

13 On page 1, line 16, after "complaint" and before "concerning" insert "from a complainant"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 5

15 On page 2, line 11, after "of the" and before "When" delete "ethics administration." and  
16 insert "board."

17 AMENDMENT NO. 6

18 On page 2, between lines 16 and 17 insert the following:

19 "D.(1)(a) No person shall threaten, intimidate, or coerce another person to  
20 prevent or discourage the filing of a sworn or non-sworn complaint pursuant to this  
21 Section.

22 (b) No person who is the subject of a sworn or non-sworn complaint shall  
23 take retaliatory action against the complainant.

24 (2) Any complainant against whom retaliatory action is taken by a person in  
25 violation of this Subsection may commence a civil action in the district court of the  
26 complainant's parish of domicile against the person. If the court finds the defendant  
27 violated the provisions of this Subsection, the plaintiff may recover from the  
28 defendant damages, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs.

29 (3) For the purpose of this Section, "retaliatory action" means the use of  
30 force, violence, extortionate threats, true threats, or harassment upon a complainant  
31 who has filed a sworn or non-sworn complaint.

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 7

2 On page 2, delete lines 19 and 20 and insert the following:

3 "C. Upon a determination that a person has knowingly and willfully made a  
4 false complaint, pursuant to R.S. 42:1141(B), the Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall  
5 assess attorney fees against the person."