

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 531

BY REPRESENTATIVES TRAVIS JOHNSON, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS,
BUTLER, CARVER, CHASSION, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HORTON,
JACKSON, MARCELLE, MOORE, SPELL, WALTERS, AND WYBLE AND
SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIZELL,
PRICE, AND WOMACK

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S.
3 36:702(9), relative to forensic medical examinations of sexual assault survivors; to
4 require a healthcare facility or hospital to offer forensic medical examinations to
5 sexual assault survivors; to provide for powers and duties of the attorney general; to
6 require the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct audits; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 36:702(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §702. Powers and duties of attorney general

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12 (9) Provide for the statewide coordination of sexual assault nurse examiners,
13 with a specific focus on ensuring access to services provided by sexual assault nurse
14 examiners in rural areas. The statewide coordination provided for in this Paragraph
15 may be funded through grants or appropriations by the legislature.

1 Section 2. R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

3 §1216.1. Procedures for survivors of a sexually oriented criminal offense;
4 immunity; regional plans; maximum allowable costs; definitions; documents
5 requested by victim

6 A. All licensed hospitals and healthcare providers in Louisiana shall offer
7 every sexual assault survivor information to receive the treatment provided for in this
8 Section. A licensed hospital or healthcare provider shall adhere to the following
9 procedures if a person presents for treatment as a sexual assault survivor:

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11 Section 3. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor shall conduct an audit of sexual assault
12 advocacy services, the sexual assault nurse examiners programs, the sexual assault regional
13 plans, the availability of sexual assault forensic medical exams, and sexual assault services
14 funding in this state.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____