

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 156

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CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Increases the maximum period of imprisonment for negligent homicide. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:32(C)(1) and (2), relative to negligent homicide; to provide  
3 relative to penalties; to increase the maximum term of imprisonment for negligent  
4 homicide under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:32(C)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §32. Negligent homicide

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10 C.(1) Except as provided for in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, whoever  
11 commits the crime of negligent homicide shall be ~~imprisoned with or without hard~~  
12 ~~labor for not more than ten years~~, fined not more than five thousand dollars, or  
13 imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than fifteen years, or both.

14 (2)(a) If the victim ~~killed~~ was under the age of ten years, the offender shall  
15 be imprisoned at hard labor, without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of  
16 sentence, for not less than two years nor more than ~~ten~~ fifteen years.

17 (b) If the victim was under thirteen years of age at the time of the offense,



Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Delete proposed law provision relative to the offender's age.
2. Reduce the minimum age of the victim for the proposed law enhanced penalty from 17 to 13.
3. Delete the element of intentional mistreatment, abuse, or neglect from proposed law.
4. Reduce the proposed law maximum period of incarceration from 40 years to 20 years.