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## DIGEST

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HB 320 Engrossed

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Firment

**Abstract:** Creates the crime of unlawful exposure by an inmate and adds this offense to the enumerated sex offenses for purposes of sex offender registration and notification requirements.

Proposed law creates the crime of unlawful exposure by an inmate and provides for elements of the offense as any of the following:

- (1) Arousing or gratifying the sexual desires of the inmate.
- (2) Intimidating or harassing a correctional facility employee.

Proposed law defines the terms "correctional facility", "correctional facility employee", and "intimate parts".

Proposed law provides for penalties as follows:

- (1) Imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than three years, a fine of not more than \$2,500, or both.
- (2) Upon a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years, a fine of not more than \$25,000, or both.

Proposed law requires any sentence imposed under proposed law to run consecutively to any other sentence being served by the offender at the time of the offense.

Present law (R.S. 15:541) provides for definitions relative to sex offenders.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law defines the term "sex offense".

Proposed law amends present law to include the proposed law offense of unlawful exposure by an inmate within the term "sex offense".

(Amends R.S. 15:541(24)(a); Adds R.S. 14:406)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Clarify that proposed law applies to adult inmates in adult facilities.