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Abstract: Requires a healthcare provider to notify law enforcement when a person age seventeen or younger presents for treatment of a sexually-oriented criminal offense.

Present law requires that upon seeking treatment for a sexually-oriented criminal offense, a victim has the right to refuse to report the incident to law enforcement.

Present law requires that if the victim of the offense does not wish to report the offense, that a hospital or healthcare provider shall treat him in the standard manner, with tests and examinations specific to the crime explained and offered to the victim but not mandated.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires that a hospital or healthcare provider report a sexually-oriented criminal offense to law enforcement if the victim is 16 years of age or younger. Proposed law increases the age from 16 to 17.

(Amends R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(4)(a))