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SB 101 Engrossed

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Present law provides for the creation of the of La. Sexual Assault Task Force within the office of the attorney general to examine issues related to forensic examinations of sexual assault victims and investigation of sexual assault cases. Present law further requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations no later than Dec. 31, 2012.

Proposed law deletes present law and creates the La. Sexual Assault Oversight Commission (the commission) within the office of the attorney general to develop recommendations for a standardized sexual assault collection kit and protocols for forensic medical examinations to be used statewide.

Proposed law provides for the membership of the commission and provides that members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and without compensation.

Proposed law provides that certain expenses may be paid by the commission member's employer or appointing authority.

Proposed law provides that the attorney general shall serve as chairman and the office of the attorney general shall provide staff and administrative services to the commission.

Proposed law requires the commission to meet at least once every three months and provides that a majority of members present shall constitute a quorum of the commission.

Proposed law requires the commission to continuously review its standards and protocols and make changes as necessary to stay current with technological advancements and best practices.

Proposed law requires the attorney general to promulgate all rules necessary to implement the recommendations of the commission.

Effective Aug. 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 15:555 and 556; Adds R.S. 36:706(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Adds the director of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory, director of the Southwest Louisiana Regional Crime Laboratory, and the director of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory to the commission.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the director of the Southwest La. Regional Crime Laboratory and the director of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory from the commission membership.

2. Replace the executive director of the Forensic Nurse Examiners of La., Inc. with each of the two chief sexual assault forensic nurse examiners from the two Level I trauma centers in La.
3. Add to the membership a person designated by the La. Foundation Against Sexual Assault to represent the rights of sexual assault victims.