

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the duties of the coroner.

Prior law provided that the coroner or his designee must examine alleged victims of a sexually oriented criminal offense.

Prior law allowed the coroner to select the hospital or healthcare provider named as the lead entity for sexual assault examinations in the regional sexual assault response plan.

New law requires the coroner to implement, fulfill, and comply with all obligations, duties, and requirements imposed on him by existing law and the regional sexual assault response plan approved by the coroner's health service district.

New law requires the coroner to sign the sexual assault response plan on an annual basis to indicate his approval of the plan.

New law authorizes a coroner of another parish to perform any of the duties of a coroner in another parish if the coroner of that other parish is unable, unwilling, unqualified, or has a conflict of interest in performing the duty.

New law provides that the attorney general shall determine whether a conflict exists or if the coroner is unqualified based on all available facts and circumstances.

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(Amends R.S. 13:5713(F); adds R.S. 13:5713(K))