

SENATE BILL NO. 66

BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON  
AND LARVADAIN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart I of Part III of Chapter 1 of Code Title V of Code Book I of Title 9 of the  
3 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:360 through 360.1,  
4 relative to child custody; to provide relative to testimony of medical experts in  
5 certain circumstances; to provide relative to trial procedure in certain circumstances;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Subpart I of Part III of Chapter 1 of Code Title V of Code Book I of Title  
9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 9:360 through 360.1, is  
10 hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 **SUBPART I. MEDICAL EXPERT TESTIMONY**

12 **§360. Medical expert testimony; priority for trial**

13 **In any proceeding in which a medical expert has been subpoenaed to**  
14 **testify based upon allegations of abuse or neglect of a child, the court shall take**  
15 **the testimony of the medical expert in priority to the parties and other**  
16 **witnesses, absent extenuating circumstances that would prohibit this procedure.**  
17 **The court shall take the testimony of the medical expert for all purposes by**  
18 **which the medical expert's appearance is responsive to a subpoena.**

19 **§360.1. Applicability**

1                    **The provisions of this Subpart shall apply to child custody proceedings**  
2                    **pursuant to Title V of the Civil Code and child in need of care proceedings**  
3                    **pursuant to Title VI of the Children's Code.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_