

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the crime and penalty of domestic abuse battery.

Prior law provided that when domestic abuse battery was committed in the presence of a minor child aged 13 or younger, the offender, in addition to the standard penalty, was subject to imprisonment at hard labor for up to three years.

New law increases the enhanced penalty for domestic abuse battery when a child aged 13 or younger is present from up to three years at hard labor to one to three years at hard labor for a first offense and three to six years at hard labor for a second or subsequent offense.

Existing law provides for the crime and penalty of battery of a dating partner.

Prior law provided that when battery of a dating partner was committed in the presence of a minor child aged 13 or younger, the offender, in addition to the standard penalty, was subject to imprisonment at hard labor for up to three years.

New law increases the enhanced penalty for battery of a dating partner when a child aged 13 or younger is present from up to three years at hard labor to one to three years at hard labor for a first offense and three to six years at hard labor for a second or subsequent offense.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 14:34.9(I) and 35.3(I))