

**SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS****SB 101****2018 Regular Session****Morrell****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Creates the Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission. (8/1/18)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Removes the director of the Southwest La. Regional Crime Laboratory and the director of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory from the commission membership.
2. Replaces 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. Adds to the membership a person designated by the La. Foundation Against Sexual Assault to represent the rights of sexual assault victims.
4. Provides for quorum of the commission and the vote required to take action.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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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 replaces the task force with 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 requires that a majority of total commission membership constitutes a quorum and requires affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting to take action.

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.

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

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