

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 488

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, CARPENTER, JACKSON, NANCY LANDRY,
AND SMITH AND SENATOR BARROW

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:403(A)(4)(b) and to enact Children's Code Articles 502(1)(d)
3 and 4(r), 603(2)(e), and (12)(t), and 606(A)(8), relative to mandatory reporting of
4 crimes; to provide relative to the mandatory reporting of certain crimes of sexual
5 abuse of a minor; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:403(A)(4)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §403. Abuse of children; reports; waiver of privilege

9 A.

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13 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "sexual abuse" shall include but is not
14 limited to the perpetration or attempted perpetration of R.S. 14:41, 42, 42.1, 43, 43.1,
15 43.2, 43.3, 43.4, 46.2, 46.3, ~~78, 78.1~~, 80, 81, 81.1, 81.2, 86, 89, or 89.1.

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17 Section 2. Children's Code Articles 502(1)(d) and (4)(r), 603(2)(e), and (12)(t), and
18 606(A)(8) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

1 Art. 502. Definitions

2 For the purposes of this Title, the following terms have the following
3 meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 (1) "Abuse" means any one of the following acts which seriously endanger
5 the physical, mental, or emotional health and safety of the child:

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7 (d) Female genital mutilation as defined by R.S. 14:43.4.

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9 (4) "Crime against the child" shall include the commission of or the
10 attempted commission of any of the following crimes against the child as provided
11 by federal or state statutes:

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13 (r) Female genital mutilation.

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15 Art. 603. Definitions

16 As used in this Title:

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18 (2) "Abuse" means any one of the following acts which seriously endanger
19 the physical, mental, or emotional health and safety of the child:

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21 (e) Female genital mutilation as defined by R.S. 14:43.4.

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23 (12) "Crime against the child" shall include the commission of or the
24 attempted commission of any of the following crimes against the child as provided
25 by federal or state statutes:

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27 (t) Female genital mutilation.

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1 Art. 606. Grounds; child in need of care

2 A. Allegations that a child is in need of care shall assert one or more of the
3 following grounds:

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5 (8) The child is a victim of female genital mutilation, as defined in R.S.
6 14:43.4, or is the sister of a child who has had the crime of female genital mutilation
7 committed upon her.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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