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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

CRIMINAL/JUSTICE: Requests the La. Sexual Assault Oversight Commission to study and make recommendations concerning access by adult survivors of sexual assault to their records related to forensic medical examinations

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission to study the access
3 of adult sexual assault survivors to their records related to forensic medical
4 examinations and make recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana no later
5 than February 1, 2022.

6 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana shares a critical concern for survivors of sexual
7 violence and a desire to support their needs for justice and healing; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
9 approximately one in five women and one in seventy-one men have experienced rape in their
10 lifetime; and

11 WHEREAS, rape is recognized as the most under-reported crime, and survivors of
12 rape and other forms of sexual assault who do not report the crime still desire safety and
13 protection from future interactions with the offender; and

14 WHEREAS, in order to access all forms of justice that may be available, survivors
15 of sexual assault may need access to their records related to their forensic medical exams;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, there is a lack of a consistent process for survivors to access these
18 records and, in some jurisdictions, medical facilities are withholding the ability for survivors
19 to access their records.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Sexual Assault
3 Oversight Commission to study the impediments to access that adult survivors of sexual
4 assault have to forensic medical examination records and propose recommendations to make
5 these records accessible to survivors.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 chairman of the Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any
9 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter
10 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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