

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

CRIME/SEX OFFENSES: Provides relative to notification when an inmate convicted of a violent or sexual offense is scheduled to be released

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:1844(O)(3), relative to notification of an inmate's release; to provide
3 relative to notification for victims, family members of victims, persons who filed
4 victim registration and notification forms, law enforcement agencies, and district
5 attorneys; to provide relative to notification of the release of an inmate who has been
6 convicted of a crime of violence or s ex offense; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 46:1844(O)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1844. Basic rights for victim and witness

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11 O. Notification of pardon or parole. (1) The Board of Pardons or the
12 committee on parole, respectively, shall notify the victim or the victim's family and
13 all persons who file a victim registration and notification form and the appropriate
14 district attorney that a hearing has been set for the person convicted of the crime.
15 The victim or victim's family shall have the right to make written and oral statements
16 as to the impact of the crime at any hearing before the board or committee and to
17 rebut any statements or evidence introduced by the inmate or defendant. The victim
18 or the victim's family, a victim advocacy group, and the district attorney or his

1 representative may also appear before the board or committee in person or by means
2 of telephone communication from the office of the local district attorney.

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4 (3) When an inmate who has been convicted of a crime of violence as
5 defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 is eligible for
6 release pursuant to R.S. 15:571.3, the Board of Pardons or the committee on parole,
7 respectively, shall notify the victim or the victim's family, all persons who have filed
8 a victim registration and notification form, the appropriate law enforcement agency,
9 and the appropriate district attorney no later than thirty days prior to the inmate's
10 release.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to notification for victims and law enforcement prior to the release of violent and sexual offenders.

Present law provides for basic rights for victims and witnesses of a crime.

Present law provides that the Board of Pardons or the committee on parole, respectively, shall notify the victim or the victim's family and all persons who file a victim registration and notification form and the appropriate district attorney that a hearing has been set for the person convicted of the crime.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that when an inmate who has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in present law (R.S. 14:2(B)) or a sex offense as defined in present law (R.S. 15:541) is eligible for release pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:571.3), the Board of Pardons or the committee on parole, respectively, shall notify the victim or the victim's family, all persons who have filed a victim registration and notification form, the appropriate law enforcement agency, and the appropriate district attorney no later than 30 days prior to the inmate's release.

(Adds R.S. 46:1844(O)(3))