

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREGORY MILLER, ADAMS, BACALA, BAGLEY, CARRIER, CORMIER, COUSSAN, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, FARNUM, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GREEN, HARRIS, HILFERTY, HODGES, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, LAFLEUR, LANDRY, NEWELL, CHARLES OWEN, ROBERT OWEN, PIERRE, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, STAGNI, THOMPSON, VILLIO, AND WHITE

1 AN ACT

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 46:1844(N)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1844. Basic rights for victim and witness

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14 (2)(a) Upon filing of a victim notice and registration form by a victim or a  
15 family member, or a witness, it shall be the duty of the Department of Public Safety  
16 and Corrections, corrections services, at the time of the appeal, discharge, or parole  
17 of an inmate including a juvenile inmate, to notify ~~the victim, family member, or~~  
18 ~~witness~~, all registered persons by certified mail or electronic communications of such  
19 appeal or release. Such form shall be included in the prisoner's commitment  
20 documents to be delivered to the warden of any state correctional facility where such  
21 prisoner has been committed or transferred.

1           (b) When an inmate who has been convicted of a crime of violence as  
 2           defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 is eligible for  
 3           release pursuant to R.S. 15:571.3, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
 4           shall, if known by the department, notify the victim or the victim's family, all persons  
 5           who have filed a victim registration and notification form, the appropriate law  
 6           enforcement agency, and the appropriate district attorney no later than sixty days  
 7           prior to the inmate's release.

8           (c) Notice by electronic communications shall be allowed only in instances  
 9           where the registered person has opted-in to such form of notification during the  
 10          registration process and is complete upon transmission.

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12           Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Becnel Survivor  
 13           Notification Act".

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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