

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 46:1844) provides for basic rights for victims and witnesses of a crime.

Existing law (R.S. 46:1844(N)) provides for duties of the DPS&C.

Existing law (R.S. 46:1844(N)(2)) provides that one of the powers and duties of the DPS&C, at the time of the appeal, discharge, or parole of an inmate including a juvenile inmate, is to notify the victim, family member, or witness, by certified mail of such appeal or release upon filing of a victim notice and registration form by a victim or a family member, or a witness.

New law provides that one of the powers and duties of the DPS&C, at the time of the appeal, discharge, or parole of an inmate including a juvenile inmate, is to notify all registered persons by mail or electronic communications of such appeal or release.

New law provides that when an inmate who has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in existing law (R.S. 14:2(B)) or a sex offense as defined in existing law (R.S. 15:541) is eligible for release pursuant to existing law (R.S. 15:571.3), the DPS&C shall, if known by the department, 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 60 days prior to the inmate's release.

New law provides that notice by electronic communications shall be allowed only in instances where the registered person has opted-in to such form of notification during the registration process and is complete upon transmission.

Provides that new law shall be referred to as the "Becnel Survivor Notification Act".

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 46:1844(N)(2))