
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a civilian investigator to oversee taped statements of protected persons.

Present law (R.S. 15:440.2) provides that a court with original criminal jurisdiction or juvenile jurisdiction may require that a statement of a protected person be recorded on videotape by certain methods.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law defines the terms "videotape" and "protected person".

Proposed law retains present law and adds a definition for the term "civilian investigator".

Present law (R.S. 15:440.4) provides for the method of recording a videotape of a protected person.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 15:440.4(A)(5)) requires that the video taping of the protected person's statement be supervised by a physician, a social worker, a law enforcement officer, a licensed psychologist, a medical psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, an authorized representative of the Dept. of Children and Family Services, or a civilian investigator in order for the videotape to be competent evidence.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a civilian investigator as a person who can supervise a videotape of a protected person's statement in order to render the videotape as competent evidence.

(Adds R.S. 15:440.2(D) and 440.4(A)(5))