

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 901

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:570(E)(1), 574(B)(2), and 574.4(B)(1), R.S. 46:1844(A)(2),  
3 (N)(4), and (O)(2), and 2162(A)(1), and Children's Code Article 725.4, relative to  
4 the Crime Victims Services Bureau within the Department of Public Safety and  
5 Corrections; to provide for a renaming of the bureau; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:570(E)(1), 574(B)(2), and 574.4(B)(1) are hereby amended and  
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §570. Execution; officials and witnesses; minors excluded; time of execution; notice  
11 to victim's relatives

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13 E.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall,  
14 at least ten days prior to the execution, either give written notice or verbal notice,  
15 followed by written notice placed in the United States mail within five days  
16 thereafter, of the date and time of execution to the victim's parents, or guardian,  
17 spouse, and any adult children who have indicated to the secretary that they desire  
18 such notice by registering with the ~~Crime Victims Services Bureau~~ Louisiana Victim  
19 Outreach of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. The secretary, in such  
20 notice, shall give the named parties the option of attending the execution.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 46:1844(A)(2), (N)(4), and (O)(2) and 2162(A)(1) are hereby  
2 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

3 §1844. Basic rights for victim and witness

4 A.

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6 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall maintain the  
7 ~~Crime Victims Services Bureau~~ Louisiana Victim Outreach presently in operation.  
8 The bureau shall publicize and provide a way for crime victims and their family  
9 members to be kept informed about the following:

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11 N. Duties of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

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13 (4) When an inmate in physical custody is within three months of his earliest  
14 projected release date, a registered victim may contact the ~~Crime Victims Services~~  
15 ~~Bureau~~ Louisiana Victim Outreach of the Department of Public Safety and  
16 Corrections, corrections services, to request a current photograph of the inmate. The  
17 department shall take all reasonable steps to provide a photograph to the registered  
18 victim at least ten days prior to the inmate's actual release.

19 O. Notification of pardon or parole.

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21 (2) Beginning August 1, 2018, when an inmate in physical custody is within  
22 three months of his earliest projected release date, a registered victim may contact  
23 the ~~Crime Victim Services Bureau~~ Louisiana Victim Outreach to submit a reentry  
24 statement to the committee on parole requesting that the inmate be subject to certain  
25 proximity or contact restrictions, as part of the inmate's parole conditions, that the  
26 victim believes are necessary for the victim's protection. The committee on parole  
27 may consider the victim's reentry statement only for the purpose of determining the  
28 inmate's parole conditions and not for the purpose of determining whether to order  
29 the release of the inmate on parole. A victim's reentry statement is not binding on  
30 the committee on parole, but shall be considered in concert with other relevant  
31 information when setting parole conditions. The provisions of this Paragraph apply

