

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to
Original House Bill No. 160 by Representative Dickerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "enact" and before "relative to" delete "R.S. 42:1153(C)," and insert
"R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 5 and insert the following:

"to provide for the procedure for making complaints; to provide for a prohibition
against retaliation; to provide for penalties for making a false complaint and
retaliating; and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "reenacted and" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning
of line 9 delete "is" and insert "R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 16, after "complaint" and before "concerning" insert "from a complainant"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 11, after "of the" and before "When" delete "ethics administration." and
insert "board."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, between lines 16 and 17 insert the following:

"D.(1)(a) No person shall threaten, intimidate, or coerce another person to
prevent or discourage the filing of a sworn or non-sworn complaint pursuant to this
Section.

(b) No person who is the subject of a sworn or non-sworn complaint shall
take retaliatory action against the complainant.

(2) Any complainant against whom retaliatory action is taken by a person in
violation of this Subsection may commence a civil action in the district court of the
complainant's parish of domicile against the person. If the court finds the defendant
violated the provisions of this Subsection, the plaintiff may recover from the
defendant damages, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs.

(3) For the purpose of this Section, "retaliatory action" means the use of
force, violence, extortionate threats, true threats, or harassment upon a complainant
who has filed a sworn or non-sworn complaint.

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 7

2 On page 2, delete lines 19 and 20 and insert the following:

3 "C. Upon a determination that a person has knowingly and willfully made a
4 false complaint, pursuant to R.S. 42:1141(B), the Ethics Adjudicatory Board shall
5 assess attorney fees against the person."