SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 232 By Senator Cheek

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SEX OFFENSES: Provides for registry and notification by sex offenders and a sexual assault task force. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Deleted provision which requires the task force to examine and report on certain allegations against the clergy.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

<u>Present law</u> provides for a reduction of the registration period if the offender maintains a clean record for 10 years upon petition to be relieved of the sex offender registration to the court of conviction for those convicted in Louisiana.

<u>Proposed law</u> maintains <u>present law</u> and provides that the petition seeking relief from registration be accompanied by a certification from the office of state police of the offender's history of registration in Louisiana.

Present law provides that the district attorney shall be served with a copy of the petition.

<u>Proposed law</u> maintains <u>present law</u> and provides that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police and Department of Justice shall be given notice of the filing with a copy of the pleading.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the Louisiana Sexual Assault Task Force within the Department of Justice.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the task force shall consist of 25 members and the attorney general shall serve as chairman.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for a listing of issues for study by the task force, including but not limited to investigation issues, procedures used in obtaining and analyzing sexual assault evidence, and training requirements for law enforcement officers and others in sexual assault cases.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives not later than December 31, 2012.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the task force shall terminate 60 days after its report of findings has been submitted.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:544 (D)(1), (2), (3)(e), (4)(a) and (b); Adds R.S. 15:555 and 556)

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