
DIGEST

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HB No. 261

Abstract: Amends the criminal penalties for certain offenses concerning prostitution when the offense involves a person under a certain age, to provide that the term of imprisonment for such offenses shall be served at hard labor.

Present law provides criminal penalties for the following offenses concerning prostitution: R.S. 14:82 (Prostitution); R.S. 14:83 (Soliciting for prostitutes); R.S. 14:83.1 (Inciting prostitution); R.S. 14:83.2 (Promoting prostitution); R.S. 14:84 (Pandering); R.S. 14:85 (Letting premises for prostitution); R.S. 14:86 (Enticing persons into prostitution); R.S. 14:89 (Crime against nature); R.S. 14:104 (Keeping a disorderly place); R.S. 14:105 (Letting a disorderly place); and R.S. 14:282 (Operation of places of prostitution prohibited).

Present law provides the penalties for such offenses, which include both a fine and imprisonment, shall be enhanced when the offense involves a person under the age of 18, and further enhanced when the offense involves a person under the age of 14.

Proposed law provides that the term of imprisonment for such offenses, involving a person under the age of 18 years and under the age of 14 years, shall be served at hard labor.

(Amends R.S. 14:82(C)(4) and (5), 83(B)(2) and (3), 83.1(B)(2) and (3), 83.2(B)(2) and (3), 84(B)(2) and (3), 85(B)(2) and (3), 86(B)(1)(b) and (c), 89(B)(2) and (3), 104(B)(2) and (3), 105(B)(2) and (3), and 282(B)(2) and (3))