HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 639 by Representative Connick

SEX OFFENSE/REGISTRY: Amends the definition of criminal offense against a victim who is a minor to include certain convictions of stalking

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides an exclusion to the addition of the crime of stalking to the definition of "criminal offense against a victim who is a minor" for certain defendants.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> provides that persons convicted of certain sex offenses or certain criminal offenses against a victim who is a minor are required to register and provide notification.

<u>Present law</u> provides for a definition of "criminal offense against a victim who is a minor" and provides that such persons are required to register for a period of 15 years and update registration in person annually from the date of initial registration.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the crime of stalking and provides for certain criminal penalties for commission of the offense

<u>Proposed law</u> adds to the definition of "criminal offense against a victim who is a minor" persons convicted of the crime of stalking when the offense is a felony punishable by imprisonment at hard labor and when the victim is under the age of 18.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for an exception to the addition of this offense to the definition of "criminal offense against a victim who is a minor" when either of the following occur:

- (1) The defendant is the parent of the victim.
- (2) The defendant is less than four years older than the victim and is sentenced under the provision of <u>present law</u> which provide criminal penalties for a first conviction of stalking when the victim is under the age of eighteen and the offense does not involve reasonable fear of death or bodily injury to the victim or the victim's family.

Provides that the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> apply to any person who is convicted or who is in the custody or under the supervision of DPS&C on or after the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>.

(Amends R.S. 15:541(12)(d); Adds R.S. 15:541(12)(e))