

Existing law provides for the crime of human trafficking, trafficking of children for sexual purposes, and other offenses involving commercial sexual exploitation, and provides for services, restitution, and reparations to victims of these offenses.

Relative to minor victims of trafficking of children for sexual purposes, existing law provides for an affirmative defense to prosecution for any offense committed by the minor as a direct result of being trafficked.

Existing law provides for the creation of the Exploited Children's Special Fund and provides for the purpose and administration of monies in the fund.

Existing law provides relative to the admissibility of evidence regarding the past sexual behavior of victims in cases of sexual assault.

Existing law provides for the confidentiality of the identity of victims of certain sex offenses and minor victims.

Existing law authorizes the filing of a motion for new trial under certain conditions.

With regard to the crimes of human trafficking, trafficking of children for sexual purposes, and other offenses involving commercial sexual exploitation, and relative to the victims of these offenses, new law does all of the following:

- (1) Creates the crime of unlawful purchase of commercial sexual activity, provides penalties for commission of the offense, and requires certain persons convicted of the offense to register as a sex offender and provide notification pursuant to existing law.
- (2) Expands existing law crimes of human trafficking and trafficking of children for sexual purposes to include the act of receiving, isolating, and enticing another person in order to engage in the prohibited activity.
- (3) Clarifies the definition of "coercion" or "coerce" relative to the crimes of human trafficking, pornography involving juveniles, and computer-aided solicitation of a minor.
- (4) Relative to victims of human trafficking involving services that include commercial sexual activity or any sexual contact which constitutes a crime in this state, provides for an affirmative defense to prosecution for certain offenses committed by the victim as a direct result of being trafficked and requires any person seeking to raise the defense to provide notice to the state at least 45 days prior to trial.
- (5) Provides that any person who raises the affirmative defense provided by existing and new law, and who is determined to be a victim of human trafficking or trafficking of children for sexual purposes, shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services that are available for such victims.
- (6) Expands the crime of computer-aided solicitation of a minor to prohibit use of a computer to solicit a person to engage in commercial sexual activity.
- (7) Provides for the forfeiture of certain property used in the commission of certain offenses involving commercial sexual exploitation and provides for the deposit of monies realized from the sale of such property into the Exploited Children's Special Fund.
- (8) Amends the purpose for use of monies in the Exploited Children's Special Fund to include an appropriation, up to 50% of the fund, to the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice for the purpose of providing training to law enforcement on human trafficking and trafficking of children for sexual purposes.
- (9) Requires the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training to provide a training course for these purposes.

- (10) Expands the list of crimes for which a person convicted of certain offenses is required to make mandatory restitution to the victim.
- (11) Authorizes the district attorney to establish a diversion program for defendants engaged in the purchase of sexual activity and provides relative to monies collected from such programs.
- (12) Authorizes the interception of wire, electronic, or oral communications in investigations of certain offenses involving commercial sexual exploitation.
- (13) For the purpose of victim's reparations, clarifies that the definition of "victim" includes any person who is a victim of human trafficking, trafficking of children for sexual purposes, or a victim of any offense involving commercial sexual exploitation.
- (14) Provides for the confidentiality of the identity of victims of human trafficking-related offenses.
- (15) Provides relative to the admissibility of evidence of the past sexual behavior of a victim of human trafficking or trafficking of children for sexual purposes and of statements made by these victims during the course of an investigation.
- (16) Authorizes the filing of a motion for new trial within three years of a verdict or judgment for certain offenses which were committed as a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking or trafficking of children for sexual purposes.
- (17) Amends the definition of "abuse" for purposes of classifying a child as a child in need of care pursuant to existing law.
- (18) With regard to certain adult trafficking victims referred to DCFS, requires DCFS to refer the person to the appropriate department, agency, or entity to provide the person with certain services.
- (19) Provides that any private entity who provides services to adult or child victims of human trafficking or trafficking of children for sexual purposes pursuant to existing law or new law shall report annually on its operations.
- (20) Expands the definition of "racketeering activity" to include pornography involving juveniles; computer-aided solicitation of a minor; prostitution, persons under eighteen; soliciting for prostitutes; inciting prostitution; promoting prostitution; letting premises for prostitution; enticing persons into prostitution; keeping a disorderly place; letting a disorderly place; and operation of places of prostitution.
- (21) Requires each department or agency involved in the prevention of child sexual exploitation to utilize all means necessary to maximize the use of federal funds and all other non-state source means of financing available to support the activities provided in new law.

The above provisions of new law are effective Aug. 1, 2014.

New law also adds victims of commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking, or trafficking of children for sexual purposes perpetrated by any person regardless of their relationship to the child to the list of grounds for which a child may be declared to be a child in need of care.

This new law provision shall not become effective until a child, who is a victim of commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking, or trafficking of children for sexual purposes perpetrated by someone other than a parent or caretaker, becomes an eligible victim for which federal match funds are available through Title IV-E of 47 U.S.C. 672.

(Amends R.S. 14:46.2(A)(1), (C)(2), and (D), 46.3(A)(1), (C)(3), and (E), 81.1(B)(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8), 81.3(A)(3) and (D), 82(G), 83.3(D), 83.4(C), 86(C), 89(C), and 89.2(D)(1), R.S. 15:539.1(A) and (E)(intro. para.), 539.2(B), 539.3(A)(intro. para.), 541(2)(o), (12)(b), (24)(a), and (25)(c) - (n), and 1352(A)(intro. para.), R.S. 46:1802(10)(a), 1805(A), 1809(B)(4)(a), and 1844(W)(intro. para.), (1)(a) and (b), (2), and (3), C.E. Art.

412(A), (B), (C)(1), and (E)(1), C.Cr.P. Arts. 851 and 853, and Ch.C. Arts. 603(2)(b) and (c), and 725.2; Adds R.S. 14:46.2(C)(3) and (4) and (F), 81.1(B)(9), (10), and (11), 81.3(A)(4), 82.1(D)(4) and (F), 82.2, 83(B)(4), 83.1(B)(4), 83.2(B)(4), 84(B)(4), 85(B)(4), 89.2(D)(5), 104(B)(4), 105(B)(4), and 282(B)(4), R.S. 15:243, 541(2)(p) and (q), 1308(A)(2)(s), and 1352(A)52 - (62), R.S. 40:2405.7, R.S. 46:1805(B)(3), 2161(C), and 2161.1, C.E. Art. 412.3, C.Cr.P. Art. 855.1, and Ch.C. Arts. 603(9.1) and 606(A)(7); Repeals R.S. 15:541(25)(o))