

SEXUAL ASSAULT RELATED LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE SUMMARY

SB 37 – Sen. Morrell - POST - Requires the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to develop sexual assault awareness training programs in a series of modules to include all of the following:

- The neurobiology of sexual assault and trauma, including victim impact.
- Response to sexual assault, including but not limited to investigative methods, collecting and securing evidence, and interviewing victims.
- Applicable federal and state victims' rights laws.

POST anticipates training for campus police officers to begin Fall 2015.

SB 242 – Sen. Morrell - Sexual Assault Report - Requires by January fifteenth of each year, each criminal justice agency, including college and university campus police departments, to report all of the following information for the prior calendar year:

- The number of sexually-oriented criminal offenses reported.
- The number of sexually-oriented criminal offenses investigated.
- The number of sexual assault collection kits submitted for analysis.

SB 255 – Sen. Morrell - Title IX - Creates the Campus Accountability and Safety Act. Requires a uniform policy on sexual misconduct and anonymous sexual assault climate survey to be conducted at each college, university, and vo-technical institution. Creates and provides relative to a Title IX Coordinating Committee at each public college and university.

- Committee composed of health services, mental health services, campus police, Title IX coordinator, office of student life, local law enforcement and local ADA.
- Requires Confidential Advisors on each campus that shall be victim advocates and legal and Title IX processes guidance.
- Requires each campus to have separate review committees for discipline and for academic/ethical violations.
- Require sexual assault training and Title IX training for campus police.
- Requires student records to be flagged for someone on disciplinary probation so they don't just transfer to another school.
- Provides immunity for drug or alcohol usage for student that self report or for friends that report on victim's behalf.

SB 117 – Senator Gary Smith / HB 139 – Rep. Valerie Hodges – Renames the crime of aggravated rape, forcible rape and simple rape to “first degree rape,” “second degree rape,” and “third degree rape” respectively. It also creates the crime of misdemeanor sexual battery. (*Note: Louisiana is the only state in the nation to currently use the term “simple” to describe a rape offense.*)

SB 36 – Senator Amedee - Creates Sexual Protection Orders and Sexual Protection Order Registry.

HB 289 – Representative Gisclair - Requires law enforcement to pick up sexual assault kits at health care facilities within 7 days. Requires all reported kit cases and kits requested by a prosecutor to be sent for analysis within 30 days of receipt of kit.

HB 539 – Rep. Ted James - Provides with respect to grounds for divorce in cases of domestic abuse. Provides for the confirmation of a default judgment and default judgment procedures. Provides for the obligation to pay court costs and attorney fees.

SLS 214 – Sen. Morrell - Disciplinary Process - Creates commission to study the higher education disciplinary process for campus sexual assault. (Senate Resolution)

SLS 312 – Sen. Morrell – Sexual Assault Awareness Month - Designates April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. (Senate Resolution)

SLS 389 – Sen. Morrell - Bartenders - Requires the Responsible Vendor Program/ATC to provide certain sexual assault training for servers. (Senate Resolution)