

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 243

BY SENATOR MARTINY

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Creates the crime of failure to report certain felonies. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:131.1, relative to the failure to report certain crimes; to create the crime of  
3 failure to report the commission of certain felonies; to provide for penalties; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:131.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§131.1. Failure to report the commission of certain felonies**

8 **A. It shall be unlawful for any person having knowledge of the**  
9 **commission of any homicide, rape, or sexual abuse of a child to fail to report or**  
10 **disclose such information to a law enforcement agency or district attorney.**

11 **B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more**  
12 **than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not**  
13 **more than one year, or both.**

14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

1 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

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DIGEST

Proposed law creates the crime of failure to report the commission of certain felonies.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for any person having knowledge of the commission of any homicide, rape, or sexual abuse of a child to fail to report or disclose such information to a law enforcement agency or district attorney.

Proposed law further provides that whoever commits this crime is to be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year, or both.

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

(Adds R.S. 14:131.1)