

SENATE BILL NO. 243

BY SENATORS MARTINY AND BROOME

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 relative to privileges  
4 of confidentiality; to provide for penalties; and to 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 **except when the person having such knowledge is bound by any privilege of**  
12 **confidentiality recognized by law.**

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_