

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 51  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2002; January 27, 2003,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
1-4 April 10, 2003, reported favorably, as amended, by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 10, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Ratliff

1-7 Amend S.B. No. 51 in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added  
1-8 Subsection (b), Article 56.07, Code of Criminal Procedure, as  
1-9 follows:

1-10 (1) On page 1, line 52, strike "applicable" and substitute  
1-11 "the agency possesses the relevant information".

1-12 (2) On page 1, line 54, strike "shall" and substitute "may".

1-13 (3) On page 1, line 55, strike "on the request of" and  
1-14 substitute "to".

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a sexual assault program referral provided by a law  
1-18 enforcement agency to certain victims.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 56.07, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 Art. 56.07. NOTIFICATION. (a) At the initial contact or  
1-23 at the earliest possible time after the initial contact between the  
1-24 victim of a reported crime and the law enforcement agency having the  
1-25 responsibility for investigating that crime, that agency shall  
1-26 provide the victim a written notice containing:

1-27 (1) information about the availability of emergency  
1-28 and medical services, if applicable;

1-29 (2) notice that the victim has the right to receive  
1-30 information regarding compensation to victims of crime as provided  
1-31 by Subchapter B, Chapter 56, including information about:

1-32 (A) the costs that may be compensated under that  
1-33 Act and the amount of compensation, eligibility for compensation,  
1-34 and procedures for application for compensation under that Act;

1-35 (B) the payment for a medical examination for a  
1-36 victim of a sexual assault under Article 56.06 of this code; and

1-37 (C) referral to available social service  
1-38 agencies that may offer additional assistance;

1-39 (3) the name, address, and phone number of the law  
1-40 enforcement agency's victim assistance liaison;

1-41 (4) the address, phone number, and name of the crime  
1-42 victim assistance coordinator of the office of the attorney  
1-43 representing the state;

1-44 (5) the following statement:

1-45 "You may call the law enforcement agency's telephone number  
1-46 for the status of the case and information about victims' rights";  
1-47 and

1-48 (6) the rights of crime victims under Article 56.02 of  
1-49 this code.

1-50 (b) At the same time a law enforcement agency provides  
1-51 notice under Subsection (a), the agency shall provide, if  
1-52 applicable, a referral to a sexual assault program as defined by  
1-53 Section 420.003, Government Code, and a written description of the  
1-54 services provided by that program. A sexual assault program shall  
1-55 provide a written description of its services on the request of a  
1-56 law enforcement agency.

1-57 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-58 to notice provided by a law enforcement agency to a victim of an  
1-59 offense committed on or after October 1, 2003.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-61 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-62 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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