

House Bill 4504
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

All SECTIONS of the Senate version of H.B. 4504 are the same as the House version except as indicated below.

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1.002. Subchapter F, Chapter 19A, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 19A.256 to read as follows:

Art. 19A.256. ASSEMBLY OF GRAND JURY IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES. (a) If a district judge becomes aware that sexual assault within the jurisdiction of the court has probably been committed, the judge shall direct the grand jury to investigate the accusation:

- (1) immediately, if the court is in session; or
- (2) at the next term of a district court in any county of the district, if the court is not in session.

(b) If the court is in session but the grand jury has been discharged, the district judge shall immediately recall the grand jury to investigate the accusation.

SENATE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 1.002. Subchapter F, Chapter 19A, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 19A.256 to read as follows:

Art. 19A.256. REFERRAL TO GRAND JURY IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES. (a) If a district judge becomes aware that sexual assault within the jurisdiction of the court has probably been committed, the judge shall direct the grand jury to investigate the accusation: [FA1]

- (1) immediately, if the court is in session; or
- (2) at the next term of a district court in any county of the district, if the court is not in session.

(b) If the court is in session but the grand jury has been discharged, the district judge shall immediately recall the grand jury to investigate the accusation.

CONFERENCE