

HB 396 -- VICTIMS OF CRIMES

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Currently, public and private agencies are prohibited from providing service to a crime victim unless the victim has reported the incident to the appropriate law enforcement office within 48 hours after its occurrence or within 48 hours after the victim, a dependent, or a member of the victim's family reasonably could be expected to make the report.

This bill provides an exception for sexual offense victims, who have seven days to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency. Additionally, if a sexual offense victim has obtained an ex parte or full order of protection or has presented himself or herself to a hospital or other health care facility for sexual assault evidence collection and related medical care, that will constitute appropriate notification.