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Title 76 Recodification – 2024

LECJ Committee Bill File

Staff Presentation

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Overview of Recodification Project: Purpose

- Standardize existing offenses into a set framework, to allow for:
 - Automation for law enforcement and prosecutorial offices
 - Easier data collection
 - Clarity in the law
- Clean up and clarify language
- **Technical changes only**—any substantive changes need to be brought in separate legislation



Overview: New Structure

Standardized structure for offenses:

(1): Definitions related to section

(2): Elements of offense

(3): Penalties

(4): Limitations/Defenses

**(5) (6, etc.): Additional information related to punishment
and other subjects**



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Chapters 1 – 4: No offenses

Chapters 5 – 5b: 2022 General Session (10 parts) (COMPLETE)

Chapter 6 – 6a: 2023 General Session (15 parts) (COMPLETE)

Chapter 7: Offenses Against the Family (4 parts) (WAIT)

Chapter 7a: Abortion Prohibition (3 parts) (WAIT)

Chapter 8: 2024 General Session (14 parts) (COMPLETE)

Chapter 9: Offenses Against Public Order & Decency (10 parts)

Chapter 10: Offenses Against Public Health, Safety, Welfare, and Morals (31 parts)



Current Format:

Chapter 9: Offenses Against Public Order and Decency

Chapter 10: Offenses Against Public Health, Safety, Welfare, and Morals

Goals:

- **Create separation and clarity in structure to remedy subject matter overlap between Chapters 9 and 10**
- **Remove “miscellaneous” part from Ch. 9 and “public health offenses” part from Ch. 10**
- **Group like provisions with each other and create new chapters for better ease of use**

