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## **SENATOR A.G. CROWE DRAFTS "CAYLEE'S LAW" BILL TO STRENGTHEN CHILD PROTECTION LAWS IN LOUISIANA**

**WANTS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO OBSTRUCT THE INVESTIGATION OF MISSING OR DEAD CHILDREN WILL FACE THE MOST SEVERE PENALTIES**

District 1 State Senator A.G. Crowe (R-Slidell) has drafted a bill to be pre-filed for the 2012 Regular Legislative Session, which makes the failure to report the death of a child and the intentional communication of false information regarding a missing child, felonies. Sen. Crowe has drafted the bill in lieu of the recent Casey Anthony case verdict in Florida, joining the "Caylee's Law" movement.

"This bill is necessary to make sure that what has recently happened in Florida will not happen here in Louisiana," said Sen. Crowe. "It is unacceptable that missing children go unreported or that their deaths go unrecognized. We must do everything in our power to ensure our children's safety and penalize those who stand in the way of bringing justice for those who deserve it most."

The bill makes it a felony for a person who fails to notify law enforcement of the death of a child after the death is discovered. Offenders will face a maximum of 20 years at hard labor. It also makes it a felony for a person who intentionally communicates false information concerning a missing child to a law enforcement agency when such information is communicated with the specific intent to delay or otherwise obstruct an investigation to locate the child. Offenders will face up to 5 years at hard labor.

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