

1 and local media outlets.

2 B.(1) The superintendent or person in charge of a state juvenile institution or
 3 facility that houses juvenile offenders on behalf of the state shall maintain a
 4 record and description of every escape from the juvenile institution or escape from
 5 a facility that houses juvenile offenders on behalf of the state of which the
 6 superintendent or other person has control. The record shall list the date and time
 7 of the escape, the number of offenders who escaped, the offenses for which the
 8 escapees were placed at the institution, the name of each law enforcement agency
 9 notified of the escape, the time each law enforcement agency was notified and the
 10 name of the person receiving the notice, and the name of the department employee
 11 or agent who notified that law enforcement agency.

12 (2) The report provided for by this Subsection shall be available for public
 13 inspection and shall list all prior escapes, if any, from the institution or facility that
 14 houses juvenile offenders on behalf of the state within the ~~last~~ five years ~~of~~ prior
 15 to the date of the ~~last~~ most recent escape. A copy of the report shall be delivered to
 16 each law enforcement agency as defined in this Section and made available to local
 17 media outlets and the general public upon proper submission of a public
 18 records request.

19 C. The secretary of the department shall promulgate rules and regulations to
 20 ~~insure~~ ensure the immediate reporting of all escapes from juvenile institutions and
 21 facilities that house juvenile offenders on behalf of the state as required by this
 22 Section.

23 D. As used in this Section:

24 (1) "~~law~~ Law enforcement agency" means the sheriff's office, all police
 25 departments in the parish, and the office of state police.

26 (2) "Local media outlets" means local news services, including but not
 27 limited to print, broadcast, and online platforms.

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DIGEST

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Present law requires that the superintendent or highest ranking employee of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services, or the person acting on behalf of the department, who is physically present at and in charge of a juvenile institution at the time of an escape, within 10 minutes of being notified that a child or offender has escaped the institution, notify or take necessary steps to insure the notification of every law enforcement agency as defined in present law.

Proposed law retains present law and makes present law applicable to facilities that house juvenile offenders on behalf of the state. Proposed law further requires notification of escapes be made to local media outlets.

Present law requires provides that the superintendent or person in charge of a juvenile institution maintain a record and description of every escape from the juvenile institution. Present law further provides that this record list the date and time of the escape, the number of offenders who escaped, the offenses for which the escapees were placed at the institution, the name of each law enforcement agency notified of the escape, the time each law enforcement agency was notified and the name of the person receiving the notice, and the name of the department employee or agent who notified the law enforcement agency.

Proposed law retains present law and makes present law applicable to facilities that house juvenile offenders on behalf of the state.

Present law requires that the report of escapes be available for public inspection and list all prior escapes from the institution within the five years prior to the date of the most recent escape, and provides that a copy of the report be delivered to each law enforcement agency.

Proposed law retains present law and makes present law applicable to facilities that house juvenile offenders on behalf of the state. Proposed law further requires the report of escapes be made available to local media outlets and the general public upon proper submission of a public records request.

Present law requires that the secretary of the department promulgate rules and regulations to ensure the immediate reporting of all escapes from juvenile institutions.

Proposed law retains present law and makes present law applicable to facilities that house juvenile offenders on behalf of the state.

Present law defines "law enforcement agency".

Proposed law retains present law and defines "local media outlets" as local news services including but not limited to print, broadcast, and online platforms.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 15:909)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Adds definition of "local media outlets" to include local news services, including but not limited to print, broadcast, and online platforms.