

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law required 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 ensure the notification of every law enforcement agency as defined in prior law.

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

Prior law required that the superintendent or person in charge of a juvenile institution maintain a record and description of every escape from the juvenile institution. Prior law further provided 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.

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Prior law required 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 provided that a copy of the report be delivered to each law enforcement agency.

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

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

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Existing law defines "law enforcement agency".

New law defines the term "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)