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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires notification when an inmate is improperly released from a parish prison facility or jail.

Present law (R.S. 15:715) provides for the reporting of escapes from parish prison facilities or jails.

Proposed law generally retains present law and adds a notification requirement for inmates who are improperly released.

Proposed law provides that the sheriff, the highest ranking employee of the sheriff's office, or the person acting on behalf of the sheriff who is physically present at and in charge of the parish prison or jail at the time of the improper release of an inmate from that facility shall immediately notify or take necessary steps to ensure that notification of the improper release is provided to all of the following:

- (1) The appropriate law enforcement agency.
- (2) The victim of the crime for which the inmate was imprisoned.
- (3) Any known witness, regardless of whether he testified against the inmate in any court proceeding involving the offense.
- (4) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting district attorney.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law retains present law and defines the term "improper release".

(Amends R.S. 15:715(C); Adds R.S. 15:715(D))