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Stiaes HB No. 329

Abstract: Extends the time that the New Orleans Police Dept. has to complete an investigation of law enforcement officers.

Present law provides procedures for the investigation of law enforcement officers who have complaints filed against them.

Present law provides that each investigation of a police employee or law enforcement officer shall be completed within 60 days and provides for a 60-day extension of the investigation.

Proposed law extends this time period for New Orleans Police Dept. (NOPD) investigations from 60 days to 120 days. Authorizes the NOPD to petition the New Orleans Civil Service Commission for a 60-day extension. The commission shall grant the extension for good cause. Proposed law defines "good cause".

(Amends R.S. 40:2531(B)(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Deleted references in proposed law to the Public Integrity Bureau.

2. Changed the deadline for completing NOPD investigations from 160 days to 120 days.

3. Authorized the NOPD to petition the New Orleans Civil Service Commission for a 60- day extension for good cause, and defined "good cause".

4. Deleted proposed law provisions regarding the use of additional evidence discovered during the course of, or following, an investigation.