RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (C.Cr.P. Art. 334) provides for notice of warrant for arrest.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u> generally.

<u>Prior law</u> provided that after a warrant for arrest was issued, the clerk of court was required within 60 days to send a notice of warrant for arrest to the prosecuting attorney.

<u>New law</u> amends <u>prior law</u> to provide that the clerk of court shall send a notice of warrant for arrest to the prosecuting attorney within 60 days of the defendant's failure to appear.

<u>New law</u> provides that the notice of warrant for arrest shall be sent to the agent or bondsman by electronic means when the agent or bondsman has filed a "Notice of Electronic Notification Opt In" form with the clerk of court.

<u>Prior law</u> provided that failure to send notice to the commercial surety within 60 days released the surety of all obligations under the bail undertaking.

<u>New law</u> amends <u>prior law</u> to provide that failure to send notice to the commercial surety and the agent or bondsman who has opted into electronic notification within 60 days of the defendant's failure to appear shall release the surety of all obligations under the bail undertaking.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 334)