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**Abstract:** Allows law enforcement agencies that hire peace officers on or after Aug. 15, 2003, to continue to collect DNA samples and fingerprints prior to peace officers beginning their duties, and provides that those hiring agencies shall store the collected samples instead of having them tested in crime laboratories.

Present law requires any peace officer hired after Aug. 15, 2003, to submit a sample of DNA and fingerprints prior to starting his employment duties. Requires the hiring agency to submit the DNA material to the appropriate criminal laboratory for testing.

Proposed law retains the requirement that peace officers hired on or after Aug. 15, 2003, submit a sample of DNA material and fingerprints prior to starting his duties, but removes the requirement that the law enforcement agency must submit the material to any criminal laboratory for testing. Instead, requires the hiring agency to store all collected biological samples and not test them.

(Amends R.S. 40:2405.4(A) and (C))