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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Gives the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) discretion in granting commissions to college and university police officers named as such by the president of the college or university.

Present law provides that any person named as a university or college police officer by the president of the college or university *shall* be commissioned as a university or college police officer by DPS&C. Proposed law provides that DPS&C *may* grant such commissions if the officer complies with the requirements and regulations prescribed by DPS&C for the commissioning of special officers.

Present law authorizes a college or university within New Orleans to have its campus police officers commissioned by the city's police department upon complying with the requirements and regulations as may be prescribed by the police department for the commissioning of special officers.

Present law grants university and college police officers the right to carry concealed weapons if P.O.S.T. certified and exercise the power of arrest while in or out of uniform within their respective campus and areas contiguous to the campus perimeter. Allows such police officers to perform other specified off-campus duties. Requires the employing institution to pay premiums on a \$10,000 bond which each police officer shall execute in favor of the state.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:1805(A)(2))