



should be returned to him. Proposed law provides that at the hearing, the state shall have the burden of proving all material facts by clear and convincing evidence.

Proposed law provides that if, after the hearing, the court determines that the person poses a risk of imminent personal injury to himself or to another person or persons, the court shall do all of the following:

- (1) Order that the firearm or firearms seized pursuant to the warrant continue to be held by the state.
- (2) Issue an order prohibiting the person from possessing the seized firearm or firearms, or any other firearms, for a period of time not to exceed one year. In this regard, proposed law provides that at any time prior to the expiration of the order, but no more than once annually, the person subject to the order may file a motion to modify the effective period of the prohibition. Upon proof, by clear and convincing evidence, that the person no longer poses a risk of imminent personal injury to himself or to another person or persons, the court shall order the firearms returned to the person within 48 hours, if the person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law.
- (3) Report the name and other identifying information of the person to the La. Supreme Court for reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) database pursuant to present law (R.S. 13:753) which requires courts to report such information. Upon expiration of the order, the court is required to inform the La. Supreme Court who shall cause the record to be removed from the NICS database.
- (4) Determine if the person may be taken into protective custody and transported to a treatment facility pursuant to present law (R.S. 28:53.2) for immediate examination.

Proposed law further provides that at any time prior to 30 days before the order ends, the district attorney or assistant district attorney may request to extend the order. Upon receiving a motion to extend, the court shall schedule a hearing to be held no later than 14 days after receiving the motion. A copy of the hearing notice shall be given to the person named in the order. If at the hearing, the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person continues to pose a risk of imminent personal injury to himself or to another person or persons, the court shall extend the order for a period not to exceed one year.

Proposed law provides for a procedure by which the seized firearms may be transferred to another person who is eligible to possess them, provided that the person taking possession of the firearms shall certify that they will not cause or allow the firearms to be accessed or controlled by the person subject to the order.

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