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Present law requires that the superintendent or highest ranking employee of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services, or the person acting on behalf of the department, who is physically present at and in charge of a juvenile institution at the time of an escape, within 10 minutes of being notified that a child or offender has escaped the institution, notify or take necessary steps to insure the notification of every law enforcement agency as defined in present law.

Proposed law retains present law and makes present law applicable to facilities that house juvenile offenders on behalf of the state. Proposed law further requires notification of escapes be made to local news services and other media outlets.

Present law requires provides that the superintendent or person in charge of a juvenile institution maintain a record and description of every escape from the juvenile institution. Present law further provides that this record list the date and time of the escape, the number of offenders who escaped, the offenses for which the escapees were placed at the institution, the name of each law enforcement agency notified of the escape, the time each law enforcement agency was notified and the name of the person receiving the notice, and the name of the department employee or agent who notified the law enforcement agency.

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Present law requires that the report of escapes be available for public inspection and list all prior escapes from the institution within the five years prior to the date of the most recent escape, and provides that a copy of the report be delivered to each law enforcement agency.

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Present law requires that the secretary of the department promulgate rules and regulations to ensure the immediate reporting of all escapes from juvenile institutions.

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Proposed law retains present law that defines "law enforcement agency" as the sheriff's office, all police departments in the parish, and the office of state police.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 15:909(A), (B), and (C))