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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to law enforcement officer-involved incidents in East Baton Rouge Parish, requires the La. State Police to investigate such incidents.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, office of state police (state police) to investigate officer-involved incidents in East Baton Rouge Parish. Defines "law enforcement officer" as any Baton Rouge police officer and defines "officer-involved incident" as the death of an individual in East Baton Rouge Parish that results from the discharge of a firearm by a law enforcement officer while the law enforcement officer is on duty or while the law enforcement officer is off duty but performing activities that are within the scope of his law enforcement duties.

Proposed law requires the Baton Rouge police department to immediately notify state police of any officer involved incident. Further requires the police department to secure the scene of any officer-involved incident to ensure that physical evidence and documentation is protected and preserved, and that all witnesses are identified and separated pending the arrival of the state police.

Proposed law requires state police to coordinate with the personnel from the East Baton Rouge Parish coroner's office and the office of the district attorney for the 19th Judicial District, and any other law enforcement agency required to facilitate the investigation.

Proposed law requires state police to provide a briefing on the investigation to the Baton Rouge police department within 25 days of the officer-involved incident, and to submit all records of the investigation and a report on the material factual findings to the district attorney within 60 days.

Proposed law provides that nothing in proposed law prohibits an internal investigation into the officer-involved incident, but the internal investigation cannot interfere with the investigation conducted by the state police.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:2540.1)