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HB 276 Engrossed

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Abstract: Allows law enforcement officers to secure counsel within 14 days of an officer-involved incident investigation, and provides for exceptions.

Present law requires compliance with the existing minimum standards whenever a police employee or law enforcement officer is under investigation.

Present law gives those employees and officers the right to obtain counsel and allows up to 30 days to secure such representation.

Proposed law retains present law but adds an exception for officer-involved incidents by granting law enforcement officers up to 14 days to secure representation for officer-involved incident investigations. Proposed law further provides that if the police employee or law enforcement officer is confined to a medical facility due to injury or illness related to the officer-involved incident, or if two or more officers are involved in the officer-involved incident, the police employees or law enforcement officers have 30 days to secure representation.

(Amends R.S. 40:2531(B)(4)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Remove all provisions related to administrative leave with and without pay.
2. Allow a police employee or law enforcement officer confined to a medical facility due to injury or illness related to the officer-involved incident, or two or more officers involved in the same officer-involved incident, up to 30 days to secure representation.
3. Make technical amendments.