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## DIGEST

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HB 529 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the issuance of letters of incarceration upon request of any person who was or is confined in any correctional institution or who was or is under probation or parole supervision.

Proposed law provides that any person who was or is confined in any prison, jail, work release facility, or correctional institution or who was or is under the supervision of the division of probation and parole is entitled to receive, upon request, a letter of incarceration which provides documentation, verification, or proof of the person's confinement in the prison, jail, work release facility, or correctional institution or supervision while on probation and parole.

Proposed law provides for the procedure by which such requests shall be made and provides that a requested letter shall be issued no later than seven days after the date of receipt of the request.

Proposed law requires certain information to be provided in a letter of incarceration including the name of the person who was or is confined or under supervision, the dates of incarceration or supervision, the admit date and the date of release, and the last location of the incarceration.

(Adds R.S. 15:714)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Add that a letter of incarceration may be requested from the local office of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, division of probation and parole.
2. Require the letter to be issued within seven days, instead of within five days, after the date of receipt of the request.
3. Amend the information included in the letter of incarceration to do all of the following:
  - (a) Remove the requirement that the letter include information regarding the length of time served and instead, require it to include the admit date and the date of release.

- (b) Specify that the information in the letter regarding the location of incarceration shall include only the information about the last location of incarceration.
  - (c) Remove the requirement that the letter include information regarding the offense or offenses for which the person was confined.
4. Remove the proposed law provision which allows the person to request that the letter include information regarding the person's conviction history and security status or classification status at the time of release.