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Proposed law provides that the office of gun violence prevention (office) perform the functions of the state relative to gun violence prevention research and make such policy recommendations to reduce gun violence in the state.

Proposed law provides that the office be under the direct supervision and control of the superintendent of state police.

Proposed law provides that the office be administered by the coordinator appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, for a term concurrent with the governor.

Proposed law requires the office to develop a strategy through collaboration with other state agencies, as well as members of various communities, including but not limited to youth, trusted community messengers, community-based organizations, faith leaders, grassroots organizers, political leaders, business owners, and other organizations and individuals with expertise in the field to identify causes of gun violence in a community and to incorporate a public safety and health approach to improve social determinants of safety and health for communities most affected by gun violence.

Proposed law requires the office to submit an initial written plan of action to the legislature, no later than February 1, 2026, detailing how the office will incorporate a public safety and health approach to any gun violence prevention-related programs and services.

Proposed law requires the office to collaborate with those impacted by gun violence, to identify and evaluate innovative and successful community-based violence prevention programs, and focus on how any proposed programs and services may address trauma in communities with a high degree of gun violence.

Proposed law authorizes the office to collaborate with institutions of higher learning and non-governmental organizations to collect and evaluate information in developing the office's strategy and recommendations to combat gun violence in this state.

Proposed law authorizes the office to receive and expend funds as may be necessary to carry out the requirements of proposed law, including but not limited to funds appropriated by the legislature, including any appropriation of federal funds, and any public or private donations, gifts, or grants from governmental sources, individuals, corporations, nonprofit organizations, business entities, and any other lawful source.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 36:408(J) and R.S. 40:1411.1-1411.3)