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Present law provides for rights of victims of alleged delinquent acts.

Present law provides that the juvenile court, district attorney, and law enforcement agencies shall provide certain services to victims of alleged delinquent acts, provided the victim reported the act to law enforcement authorities within 72 hours of its occurrence or discovery, unless extenuating circumstances exist.

Present law includes the following rights of victims:

- (1) Notification by the district attorney that a child accused of certain violent offenses has escaped from lawful confinement or has been released from custody as provided by present law and whenever a child committed to the DPS&C has escaped or has been released from a secure institution.
- (2) Notification by DPS&C of an appeal, discharge, parole of a delinquent provided the victim or his family has filed a victim notice form.

Proposed law retains present law but includes notification by the district attorney if a child committed to DPS&C has escaped or has been released from a nonsecure facility under the jurisdiction of DPS&C.

Proposed law requires DPS&C to notify a victim or family member who has a victim form filed with DPS&C of an escape of a delinquent from confinement of any secure or nonsecure facility under the jurisdiction of DPS&C immediately at the most current address or phone number on file and via electronic mail or communication.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends Ch. C. Art. 811.1(A)(3) and (11))