DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the crime of improper storage of a firearm.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the unlawful storage of a firearm is the intentional or criminally negligent placement of a loaded firearm within a dwelling or vehicle that results in the possession of such firearm by a minor child who then does either of the following:

- (1) Discharges the firearm.
- (2) Causes, or attempts to cause, the injury or death of himself or another person.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that whoever violates the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Proposed law does not apply in any of the following circumstances:

- (1) When a person unlawfully enters the dwelling or vehicle and takes or misappropriates the firearm.
- (2) When a minor, with the permission of the adult owner of the firearm, obtains supervised access to the firearm for the purpose of hunting, sporting activities, or any other lawful reason.

Proposed law defines the term "firearm".

(Adds R.S. 14:95.11)