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HOUSE BILL NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

CORR FACILITIES/JAILS: Provides for notification and public inspection of records of parish prison and jail escapes

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:714, relative to parish prisons and jails; to require the sheriff to provide
3 information relative to escapes; to provide for timeliness of notification; to provide
4 for public inspection of records; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:714 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §714. Reporting of escapes from parish prison facilities and jails; records

8 A. The sheriff or highest ranking employee of the sheriff's office, or the
9 person acting on behalf of the sheriff, who is physically present at and in charge of
10 the parish prison or jail at the time of an escape from that facility shall, within ten
11 minutes after being notified that an offender has escaped from or left the premises
12 of the facility without authority, notify or take necessary steps to ensure the
13 notification of every law enforcement agency as defined in this Section.

14 B. The sheriff or person in charge of the parish prison or jail shall maintain
15 a record and description of every escape from the facility of which he has control.
16 The record shall list the date and time of the escape, the number of offenders who
17 escaped, the offenses for which the escapees were committed to the facility, the
18 name of each law enforcement agency notified of the escape, the time each law
19 enforcement agency was notified and the name of the person receiving the notice,
20 and the name of the department employee or agent who notified that law

1 enforcement agency. The report shall be available for public inspection and shall list
2 all prior escapes, if any, from the facility within the last five years of the date of the
3 last escape. A copy of the report shall be delivered to each law enforcement agency
4 as defined in this Section.

5 C. As used in this Section, "law enforcement agency" means all police
6 departments in the parish and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections,
7 public safety services, office of state police.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a sheriff to provide information relative to escapes from a jail facility. Provides for notification requirements and public inspection of records regarding any escape.

Proposed law requires the sheriff or highest ranking employee of the sheriff's office, or the person acting on behalf of the sheriff, to notify each law enforcement agency within 10 minutes of being notified that an offender has escaped from or left the premises of the facility without authority.

Proposed law requires the sheriff or person in charge of the parish prison or jail to maintain a record and description of every escape from the facility of which he has control.

Proposed law requires the record to list the date and time of the escape, the number of offenders who escaped, the offenses for which the escapees were committed to the facility, the name of each law enforcement agency notified of the escape, the time each law enforcement agency was notified and the name of the person receiving the notice, and the name of the department employee or agent who notified that law agency.

Proposed law requires the report to be available for public inspection and to include all prior escapes from the facility within the last five years. Provides that a copy of the report be delivered to each law enforcement agency.

Proposed law defines "law enforcement agency" as all police departments in the parish and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, office of state police.

(Adds R.S. 15:714)