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This bill authorizes an *ex parte* hearing to determine if a source individual should be ordered to provide a blood sample for blood-borne pathogen testing when an EMS provider has experienced significant exposure. The *ex parte* hearing (with only one party present) shall be conducted if the source individual does not attend the hearing and the petitioner complied with the notice requirements. In addition, if the source individual does not comply with court-ordered blood collection, the bill authorizes taking the source individual into custody for purposes of obtaining a blood sample. The hold is limited to 24 hours.