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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 503  
by Representative Edmonds

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 15 through 19 in their entirety and insert the following:

3 "The legislature hereby finds all of the following:

4 (1) Studies have shown that an unemployed individual with a criminal record  
5 is more likely to re-offend than an employed individual.

6 (2) A higher occupational level, such as being a part of a profession, is likely  
7 to be related to a lower risk of recidivism.

8 (3) Removing any obstacles to employment after an individual has repaid his  
9 debt to society is in the best interest of the state of Louisiana as a whole and for the  
10 individual wishing to rejoin the workforce."