
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the reinvestment of savings realized as a result of criminal justice reforms and requires the collection of certain data and information in this regard.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, in conjunction with the La. Supreme Court, to collect certain information on prison admissions, sentencing, habitual offender sentencing, parole, community supervision, medical furlough, certified treatment and rehabilitation programs, workforce development work release programs, and cost savings and reinvestment.

Proposed law requires the department to provide the information collected to the commissioner of administration and the Jt. Legislative Committee on the Budget by Dec. 31, 2017, and to provide updated information annually thereafter. Further requires the department to make the information collected publicly available by Dec. 31, 2017, and to update the information annually thereafter.

Proposed law authorizes the department to contract with a third-party provider to assist with the collection, tracking, and analysis of the data and information collected, and to adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law provides for the reinvestment and allocation of funds resulting from annual savings realized from criminal justice reforms as follows:

- (1) 30% to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to award incentive grants to parishes, judicial districts, and nonprofit community partner organizations to expand evidence-backed prison alternatives and reduce admissions to the state prison system.
- (2) 20% to the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice to award competitive grants for victim services.
- (3) The remainder to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections for targeted investments in reentry services, community supervision, educational and vocational programming, transitional work programs, and contracts with parish jails and other local facilities that house state inmates to incentivize expansion of recidivism reduction programming and treatment services.

(Adds R.S. 15:827.2 and 827.3)