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Authorizes certain district courts to establish reentry courts

Purpose of the Bill: This measure allows the 14th, 21st and 32nd Judicial District Courts to assign a certain division of their courts as a reentry division in accordance with R.S. 13:5401. The reentry division of court shall establish a workforce development sentencing program, which shall establish guidelines for the issuance of sentences providing inmate rehabilitation and workforce development.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material short-term effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

An official with the 14th JDC stated that the reentry court would not expect to incur any expenses for the first 2 - 3 years, during which time any defendant sentenced to the program would be under going training/certification while at Angola. The court would then utilize its existing resources, such as case managers and other staff, to handle defendants released on probation after completing the reentry program.

An official with the 32nd JDC stated that, initially, there would be no impact to set up a reentry division of court. However, as the program grows, additional court staff may be required to manage the reentry docket, which is indeterminable at this time.

An official with the 21st JDC stated the court would not incur any additional expenses to set up a reentry court.

To the extent the program successfully reduces the time of incarceration and recidivism, there would be a commensurate lowering of related expenses not determinable at this time.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

The Department of Corrections may generate a currently indeterminable amount of revenues for parole supervision fees, depending on the number of offenders placed in the program.

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