

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**ACT 538 (HB 145)****2016 Regular Session****Moreno**

Existing law (R.S. 13:5401) authorizes the district courts to assign a certain division of the court as a reentry division of court.

Existing law provides that the reentry division of court shall establish a workforce development sentencing program, to establish guidelines for the issuance of sentences providing inmate rehabilitation and workforce development, which shall work in conjunction with the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

New law requires a judge presiding over a reentry division of court to issue a temporary certificate of employability to an offender in the reentry program and a permanent certificate of employability to an offender who has successfully completed his sentence.

New law provides that a temporary certificate shall be deemed null and void if the offender fails to complete his sentence under existing law (R.S. 13:5401), and that a certificate of employability is void if the offender is convicted of any felony offense subsequent to the issuance of the certificate of employability.

New law provides that an employer, general contractor, premises owner, or other third party shall not be subject to a cause of action for negligent hiring of or failing to adequately supervise an offender certified to be employed solely because that employee or independent contractor has been previously convicted of a criminal offense.

Provides that new law shall not affect the vicarious liability of the employer.

Existing law (R.S. 17:15) provides that persons convicted of certain crimes may only be hired for specified positions with a public or nonpublic school system upon approval of the district judge and district attorney.

New law provides that new law shall not supercede the provisions of existing law (R.S. 17:15).

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(Adds R.S. 23:291.1)