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HB 348 Engrossed

2018 Regular Session

Hodges

Abstract: Requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to collect information on the number of veterans who are inmates and submit the collected information to the legislature and the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

<u>Present law</u> outlines the current duties of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, including the collection of data to study efficacy and performance of policies. The department is required to make an annual report to the governor regarding work of the department, results of inspections, and recommendations to the legislature affecting the department. The department is also responsible for the creation of training programs for inmates and offenders.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to collect information on the number of veterans who are inmates and submit the collected information to the legislature and the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs by the 15th of August each year.

Proposed law defines "veteran" as a former or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces.

(Adds R.S. 15:827(A)(8))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of Criminal</u> <u>Justice</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Amend the definition of "veteran" to provide that it means a former or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces.