

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 548

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

VETERANS. Creates a pretrial diversion program for veterans diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:244, relative to criminal procedure; to provide for a diversion program for  
3 current members and veterans of the military; to provide for an effective date; and  
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:244 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§244. Military diversion program**

8 **A. The district attorney for each judicial district, alone or in conjunction**  
9 **with the district attorney of an adjacent judicial district, shall create and**  
10 **administer a diversion program for defendants charged with a nonviolent felony**  
11 **or misdemeanor offense meeting the requirements of Subsection B of this**  
12 **Section.**

13 **B. This Section shall apply whenever a case is before a court alleging the**  
14 **commission of a nonviolent felony or misdemeanor offense, and both of the**  
15 **following criteria are satisfied:**

16 **(1) The individual is a veteran as defined in R.S. 13:5364.**

17 **(2) The defendant has been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress**

