The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

SB 548 Original | 2018 Regular Session | Boudreaux

Proposed law creates a diversion program for defendants charged with a nonviolent misdemeanor offense that qualify as veterans diagnosed with PTSD.

Proposed law will apply whenever a case is before a court alleging the commission of a nonviolent felony or misdemeanor offense, and both of the following criteria are satisfied:

(1) The individual is a veteran.

(2) The defendant has been diagnosed with PTSD as a result of military service.

Proposed law provides that at the discretion of the district attorney, after costs associated with the administration of the program are paid, a portion of all remaining monies collected may be distributed to entities within the judicial district, or within the judicial districts participating in the program, that provide rehabilitative services and treatment to defendants.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 15:244)