

**SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 548**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Boudreaux**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

VETERANS. Creates a special pretrial diversion program for veterans diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder. (gov sig)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Specifies that the proposed law program is in addition to any existing pretrial diversion programs.
2. Removes the proposed law provisions relative to certain felony or misdemeanor offenses.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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Proposed law provides that any district attorney, alone or working with the district attorney of an adjacent judicial district, may create a special pretrial diversion program for defendants who meet the following requirements:

- (1) The individual is a veteran as defined by present law.
- (2) The defendant has been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a result of military service and provides documentation of his diagnosis to the court.

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 veterans who have been diagnosed with PTSD.

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

(Adds R.S. 15:244)

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