

**ACT No. 313**

2018 Regular Session  
HOUSE BILL NO. 348  
BY REPRESENTATIVES HODGES AND COX

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:827(A)(8), relative to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to  
3 provide for the collection of inmate data; to provide relative to veterans committed  
4 to the custody of the department; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:827(A)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §827. Duties of Department of Public Safety and Corrections

8 A. In addition to other duties imposed upon the department it shall be the  
9 duty of the department to:

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11 (8)(a) Establish a system to collect data on the number of inmates who are  
12 veterans committed to its custody. Information shall be collected from all state  
13 correctional facilities and local jail facilities. Information to be collected shall  
14 include the military branch in which the incarcerated veteran served. The collected  
15 information shall be submitted annually to the legislature and the Louisiana  
16 Department of Veterans Affairs by the fifteenth of August, beginning on August 15,  
17 2018.

18 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "veteran" means a former or current  
19 member of the United States Armed Forces.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_