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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires clerks of courts and the legislative auditor to provide reports to the legislature regarding sentencing costs and budgets.

Proposed law requires clerks of court to submit quarterly reports to the legislative auditor containing sentencing data such as: the number of individuals sentenced, the total number of years sentenced, and the ages of people sentenced to 20 years or more.

Proposed law requires the legislative auditor to provide an annual report to the House Committee on Appropriations projecting five-year incarceration costs using data from the quarterly report submitted by the clerks of court.

Proposed law provides immunity to the clerks of court and legislative auditor for acts and omissions related to complying with proposed law.

Proposed law requires clerks to report beginning with the last quarter of 2026 and at the conclusion of each quarter thereafter.

(Adds R.S. 13:6001)