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## DIGEST

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HB 272 Engrossed

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Billiot

**Abstract:** Provides relative to the eligibility requirements for the Veterans Court program.

Present law excludes a defendant from participating in the Veterans Court program if the defendant's crime being considered before the court is a crime of violence as defined in present law or if the defendant has a prior felony offense or other pending criminal proceedings alleging commission of a crime of violence.

Proposed law expands participation in the Veterans Court program by excluding only those defendants whose crime before the court is a homicide or sex offense requiring registration as defined in present law or if the defendant has prior felony convictions or other pending criminal proceedings alleging commission of a homicide or sex offense.

Present law prohibits the defendant from participating in the program if the crime before the court involves driving under the influence of alcohol or any other drug or drugs that resulted in the death of a person.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 13:5366(B)(9))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Change proposed law reference regarding prohibitions for the defendant to participate in the program from "controlled dangerous substance" to "any other drug or drugs".