

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 440**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Hodges**

CRIMINAL/SENTENCING: Expands DPS&C's substance abuse probation program to include treatment for mental health issues

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Adds that the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections may enter into cooperative endeavors or contracts with local governmental entities or the office of behavioral health for substance abuse treatment and counseling and mental health treatment for eligible defendants.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for a substance abuse probation program in which the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections may enter into cooperative endeavors with the La. Dept. of Health to provide substance abuse treatment and counseling for eligible defendants.

Proposed law expands this program to provide counseling and treatment for defendants with substance abuse disorders, or defendants with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders, who are sentenced to substance abuse probation pursuant to present law.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to enter into cooperative endeavors or contracts with local governmental entities or the office of behavioral health to provide for substance abuse treatment and counseling and mental health treatment for defendants participating in the program.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Arts. 903(B) and (C) and 903.2(A)(1) and (B)(1))