

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 500

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: Provides relative to fees for pretrial programs in DeSoto Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 16:17(E) and to enact R.S. 16:18, relative to pretrial diversion
3 or intervention programs in DeSoto Parish; to provide for the assessment of a
4 reasonable fee; to provide for the disbursement of the proceeds of such fee; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 16:17(E) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 16:18 is enacted
8 to read as follows:

9 §17. Victims assistance program; creation

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11 E. ~~The~~ Except in DeSoto Parish, the district attorney may assess and collect
12 a reasonable fee from participants in pretrial diversion or pretrial intervention
13 programs to support and maintain victims assistance and/or diversionary programs.

14 §18. Pretrial diversion in DeSoto Parish; disbursement of fees

15 A district attorney may assess a reasonable fee to a participant in a pretrial
16 diversion or pretrial intervention program operated in DeSoto Parish. This fee shall
17 be paid to the sheriff and shall be disbursed as follows:

18 (1) Twenty-eight percent to the criminal court fund.

19 (2) Eighteen percent to the office of the district public defender.

20 (3) Twelve percent to the office of the district attorney.

- 1 (4) Twelve percent to the criminalistics laboratory which performs the
- 2 majority of crime lab services for the district.
- 3 (5) Eight percent to the sheriff's general fund.
- 4 (6) Eight percent to the juror and witness fee fund.
- 5 (7) Five percent to the clerk of court.
- 6 (8) Four percent to the juvenile detention fund.
- 7 (9) Four percent to the judicial expense fund.
- 8 (10) One percent to the state treasury to be deposited into the Traumatic
- 9 Head and Spinal Cord Injury Fund.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the disbursement of a reasonable fee for participation in pretrial programs to specific entities in DeSoto Parish.

Present law authorizes a district attorney to assess and collect a reasonable fee from participants in pretrial diversion or pretrial intervention programs. Provides that such fees are to be used to support and maintain victims assistance programs, diversionary programs, or both.

Proposed law retains present law, but requires, in DeSoto Parish, that the fees be disbursed in various percentages to the criminal court fund, the office of the district public defender, the office of the district attorney, the criminalistics laboratory which performs the majority of crime lab services for the district, the sheriff's general fund, the juror and witness fee fund, the clerk of court, the juvenile detention fund, the judicial expense fund, and the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Fund.

(Amends R.S. 16:17(E); Adds R.S. 16:18)