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

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>, 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)