
DIGEST

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Abstract: Allocates savings realized from the Swift and Certain Probation Pilot Program to evidence-backed prison alternatives, Jefferson Parish prison population reduction incentive grants, competitive grants for victim services, and targeted investments in Jefferson Parish.

Present law provides for the Swift and Certain Probation Pilot Program in the 24th JDC, and provides for the goals of the program. Requires any funds realized from a reduction in the amount of time a person would have been required to serve in prison if the defendant had not been placed in the program to be appropriated to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections and used to defray the additional operational expenses of probation and parole and reentry initiatives.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring that any funds realized be used to defray the additional operational expenses of probation and parole, the 24th JDC, and other criminal justice initiatives related to Jefferson Parish.

Proposed law allocates annual savings from the program as follows:

- (1) 30% of the annual savings realized to be allocated to the 24th JDC to support and expand evidence-backed prison alternatives and reduce admissions to the state prison system.
- (2) 20% of the annual savings realized to be allocated to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to award incentive grants to Jefferson Parish and nonprofit community partner organizations within Jefferson Parish to expand evidence-backed prison alternatives and reduce admissions to the state prison system.
- (3) 20% of the annual savings realized to be allocated to the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to award competitive grants for victim services within Jefferson Parish, including but not limited to victim safety assessments and safety planning, trauma-informed treatment and services for victims and survivors, shelters and transitional housing for domestic violence victims and their children, batterers' intervention programming, and victim-focused education and training for justice system professionals.
- (4) The remainder be allocated to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections for targeted investments in Jefferson Parish related to reentry services, community supervision, educational and vocational programming, transitional work programs, and contracts with the parish jail and other local facilities that house state inmates to incentivize expansion of

recidivism reduction programming and treatment services.

(Amends R.S. 13:5373(B) and (E); Adds R.S. 13:5373(F))