2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 348

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

PUBLIC SFTY/CORRECTIONS: Requires DPS&C to report the number of inmates who are veterans

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 15:827(A)(8), relative to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to
3	provide for the collection of inmate data; to provide relative to veterans committed
4	to the custody of the department; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 15:827(A)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§827. Duties of Department of Public Safety and Corrections
8	A. In addition to other duties imposed upon the department it shall be the
9	duty of the department to:
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11	(8)(a) Establish a system to collect data on the number of inmates who are
12	veterans committed to its custody. Information shall be collected from all state
13	correctional facilities and local jail facilities. Information to be collected shall
14	include the military branch in which the incarcerated veteran served. The collected
15	information shall be submitted annually to the Legislature and the Louisiana
16	Department of Veterans Affairs by the fifteenth of August, beginning on August 15,
17	<u>2018.</u>
18	(a) For purposes of this Paragraph, "veteran" means a former or current
19	member of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia of the several states
20	and territories, including but not limited to a member of the Army. Navy, Air Force,

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1	Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, Air National Guard, Reserves, State
2	Guard, or a commissioned officer of Public Health Service, Environmental Science
3	Services Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or
4	its predecessor, the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to collect information on the number of veterans who are inmates. The department shall submit the collected information to the legislature and the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

<u>Present law</u> outlines the current duties of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, including the collection of data to study efficacy and performance of policies. The department is required to make an annual report to the governor regarding work of the department, results of inspections, and recommendations to the legislature affecting the department. The department is also responsible for the creation of training programs for inmates and offenders.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to collect information on the number of veterans who are inmates. The department shall submit the collected information to the legislature and the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs by the 15th of August each year.

(Adds R.S. 15:827(A)(8))