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## DIGEST

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

Present law authorizes a district attorney to assess and collect a reasonable fee from participants in pretrial diversion or pretrial intervention programs.

Proposed law removes the district attorney's authorization to collect the fee.

Present law provides that such fees are to be used to support and maintain victims assistance programs, diversionary programs, or both.

Proposed law repeals present law and instead provides that the participant shall pay the fee to the sheriff and the sheriff shall disburse the proceeds of the fee as follows:

- (1) 24% to the office of the district attorney.
- (2) 18% to the criminal court fund.
- (3) 18% to the office of the district public defender.
- (4) 13% to the criminalistics laboratory which performs the majority of crime lab services for the district.
- (5) 8% to the sheriff's general fund.
- (6) 5% to the juvenile detention facility that fund.
- (7) 4% to the clerk of court.
- (8) 4% to the judicial expense fund.
- (9) 3% to the juror compensation fund.
- (10) 3% to the witness fee fund.

(Amends R.S. 16:17(E))